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SOVIETS CRUSH SECOND GERMAN OFFENSIVE IN THE MURMANSK SECTOR

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, SEPT. 24 (UP).—THE SEVEN DAY BATTLE IN THE DIRECTION OF MURMANSK ENDED TO-DAY WITH THE COMPLETE COLLAPSE OF THE SECOND GERMAN OFFENSIVE, ACCORDING TO A DISPATCH TO THE NEWSPAPER "RED STAR." IN ONE SECTOR THE ENEMY DEAD NUMBERED 2,000. THE DISPATCH ADDED, "THE STUBBORN RESISTANCE OF OUR TROOPS AND THEIR CRUSHING COUNTER-ATTACKS; THE SEVERE LOSSES AND THE COLD WHICH IS SETTING IN IN THE NORTH ARE DRIVING THE FASCISTS TO DESPAIR."

The offensive was launched early in September with picked German troops who were transferred from Norway, consisting of S.S. battalions and several Alpine regiments who were ordered to take the vital ice-free port at any cost.

The Russian counter-attack halted the advance and compelled the Germans to take up defensive positions.

A telephone dispatch from Leningrad reported to-day that the Russians trapped a panzer column which surrendered after a short battle in which one German General was killed, 117 officers and men captured, and 20 damaged and 16 undamaged tanks taken which will now be used by the Red army.

BITTER FIGHTING REPORTED

MOSCOW, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Activity on the Odessa front has again increased. Bitter fighting is going on in the neighbourhood of Kherson for a point called "N" which Soviet troops hold.

The enemy has flung in more reserves but the Soviet forces have thrown back the Germans after a bloody struggle in which 1,500 enemy corpses were left piled up in tank traps.

Terrific Battle For Leningrad

Russian and German Reports

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The terrific struggle for Leningrad and the ebb and flow of the opposing armies was described to-day in both Berlin and Moscow broadcasts.

The Germans, in claiming the capture of a "fair-sized" town, refer to hard house-to-house fighting before the city and the "tenacious resistance" of the city's defenders.

Nazis Hope To Cut Off Budenny

WAR COMMENTARY BY "ANNALIST"

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The Germans to-day announce that the complete elimination of the encircled Russian forces can be reckoned with "in a few days."

This tells a somewhat different story from their earlier claims to have surrounded Soviet troops who are disintegrating and being abandoned by their officers.

It confirms the views already expressed that the Germans are making a desperate effort to cut off the rear guard of Marshal Budenny's forces and that the latter are fighting with the same indomitable spirit that characterized Russian soldiers throughout the last three months.

Indeed, unofficial reports from Moscow of counter-attacks at Glukhov and Poltava, which are reported to have met with local success, show that Russian morale is not weakening.

Maiky's Estimate

Both at Leningrad and Odessa, the assaults have not been able to make any progress despite repeated attacks with heavy forces. German losses in these intensive operations must undoubtedly have been heavy and there are, therefore, good grounds for believing that the estimate of M. Maiky of German losses as somewhere in the neighbourhood of three million is not excessive.

The recent German claim of heavy air raids and air successes over Britain are, to certain knowledge without foundation and prove that German propaganda is being compelled once again to have to recourse to desperate lies to give the German people the "encouragement" and confidence.

At "Point N" Soviet troops hold well-prepared defensive positions. The enemy, without sparing men, launched one attack after another and once pierced the Soviet first line defences. The Soviet Command threw in reserves and forced the Germans out.

News published in the "Red Star" throws down the German claim to have already reached Perskop-on-the-Isthmus and to have isolated the Crimea. The "Red Star" does not state exactly how far from Kherson the battle is in progress. Kherson itself stands on the high right bank of the Dnieper 20 miles from the mouth and is one of the largest cities on the Dnieper. The region may be called the orchard of the Ukraine, producing the finest grapes and peaches.

Germans Dislodged

MOSCOW, Sept. 24 (UP).—The Red army on the central front to-day dislodged the Germans from a fortified base on the east bank of the Western Dvina River, and during the course of a four-day battle decimated two regiments and killed 2,500 men, according to a dispatch to the "Red Star."

Fighting In North Hunan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Sept. 24 (UP).—Severe fighting is going on in North Hunan along the south shore of the Milo River.

It is said that the Japanese troops who are joining in the present attack are those which moved on Changsha 100,000 strong. The land troops are assisted by heavy artillery and tanks as well as naval landing forces who are trying to storm Changsha from the north by land and from the northwest across Tungting Lake.

Thus far, the Japanese troops are still 50 miles north of Changsha which has been a scorched earth city since 1938 and which, according to Chinese military authorities, completely lacks any military value.

Fair Warning to Finns Is Given by Britain

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Reports that Britain had told Finland that if she continued to invade purely Russian territory it would be necessary for Britain to treat Finland as an open enemy now and when peace had come were confirmed in London to-day.

It was added that if Finland ceased fighting and withdrew her troops to her original frontiers as they existed before the Russo-Finnish war, Britain would be ready to see whether relations between the two countries could be improved.

The suggestion of M. Tanner, the Finnish Minister of Commerce, that the Finnish war against Russia could be separated from the war as a whole is not regarded as a possibility in authoritative circles in London.

Disappearance Mystery Of British Attache's Wife

Special to the "Telegraph"

PEIPING, Sept. 24 (UP).—Mystery continued to surround the disappearance of the beautiful and popular Japanese-born Aiko, wife of Mr. Benzil H. Clark, Press Attache of the British Embassy. She has been missing since she left a lady friend's house last Saturday. Her husband and the British Embassy are making every possible effort to find her and have also appealed to the Japanese authorities; however, thus far they have not been able to obtain the slightest clue.

The British Consul, Mr. A. A. L. Tuson told the "United Press" that he is convinced that Mrs. Clark has been kidnapped, and he believes that her disappearance is closely linked with an extremely libellous article, published in the Japanese daily newspaper "Ta Shimo" on September 12 in which Mrs. Clark was severely criticised for behaving in a manner causing pain to patriotic Japanese. The article also made other fantastic allegations. The British Embassy requested the Japanese newspaper to publish a retraction but have so far failed to obtain satisfaction.

Conference Of Allies Adheres To U.S.-British Declaration

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The Inter-Allied Conference unanimously affirmed as a common aim that supplies of food and materials will be made available for the post-war needs of the countries liberated from Nazi oppression.

M. Paul Spaak, the Belgian Prime Minister, afterwards proposed the following resolution: "The Governments of Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Luxembourg, the U.S.S.R. and Yugoslavia and representatives of General de Gaulle, leader of the Free French, having taken note of the declaration recently drawn up by the President of the U.S.A. and the Prime Minister of Britain, Mr. Winston Churchill, on behalf of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, now make known their adherence to the common principles of policy set forth in the declaration and their intention to co-operate to the best of their ability in giving effect to them."

Neutrality Act May Soon Be Amended

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—It was strongly indicated in the Capitol to-day that President Roosevelt will request the virtual repeal of the Neutrality Act next week. It is reported from the Capitol that Administration officials were thus urging the President and recommending also the elimination of provisions preventing United States ships from entering belligerent ports or "combat areas."

Australian Government Survives

Censure Motion Defeated

CANBERRA, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—In the Australian Parliament to-day, Mr. John Curtin, the Labour Leader, moved an amendment which amounted to a vote of censure on the Government.

His amendment displayed disapproval of what he alleged was the use of Government funds, amounting to over £3,000 for bribing Union officials.

After Mr. Curtin had moved his amendment, Mr. W. M. Hughes, the Attorney-General and Navy Minister, flatly denied the allegations that the Government had used the funds for bribing Union officials.

The total expenditure for 20 months for such funds was £4,800 and this had been used to counter subversive activities and propaganda.

Mr. Curtin's motion of censure was defeated by 32 votes to 31.

Death Abroad Of Chinese Envoy Buried at Geneva

GENEVA, Sept. 24 (Central News).—The funeral was held here on Monday of the late Chinese Minister to Poland, Dr. Wang King-ky, who died of cancer last month.

Madame Wang, her son and daughter and leaders of the Chinese community here including the Chinese Minister to Switzerland, Dr. Victor Hoo Shih-tsai, the Chinese Judge in the International Court of Justice, Dr. F. T. Cheng, and General Wei Yang-ching who recently was Military Attache to Berlin, participated in the ceremony.

The late Minister left Warsaw during the German-Polish war in 1939, travelling by way of Germany, Belgium, and France. He was wounded in action during an air raid. It is learned that Madame Wang and her family are shortly leaving for China via the United States.

Inflation Danger In America Stressed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (UP).—Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, testifying to-day before the House Banking Committee urged Congressional approval of a bill designed to control price levels.

He said that "bold and effective action" is necessary for the purpose of halting the quickening trend towards inflation.

He urged that the Administration's bill be amended for the purpose of including farm prices but opposed the fixing of maximum wage levels. He also urged the release of Government owned stocks of farm goods for the purpose of preventing a dangerous rise in prices.

Mr. Morgenthau stated: "Whole sale prices for farm products have risen 37 per cent. during the past year of which six per cent. occurred within the last month. All commodities have risen 18 per cent. during the last year—foods are up 25 per cent; textiles 23 per cent; building materials 12 per cent and chemicals 14 per cent."

Bulgaria Denies Bellicosity

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).

—All is quiet in Bulgaria, declared the Bulgarian Minister of the Interior, M. Grabowski, addressing foreign journalists in Sofia to-day, states a Sofia dispatch to the official German news agency.

The Minister stressed that as a partner in the Three-Power Pact, Bulgaria stood on the side of the Axis Powers politically and ideologically.

He denied American reports that in the near future Bulgaria would enter the war against the Soviet Union, establish a protectorate in the Crimea, control the Black Sea and participate in the exploitation of the Caucasian oil wells.

Bulgaria, he added, had no aggressive intentions against anyone and was not being pressed from any quarter.

Refinery In Flames

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WHITING, Ind. Sept. 24 (UP).—Fire in the night in the 600 acre refinery of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, and flames are shooting 100 feet into the air.

The fire broke out in two tanks this morning and the intense heat prevents the approach of the fire fighters to within several hundred feet.

One Man Killed

WHITING, Indiana, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—All available firemen and police were rushed to the scene after an explosion and fire occurred in the Standard Oil Company factory here. One man has been reported killed and several injured.

The fire spread to a dozen oil storage tanks in a region almost a mile long. Concern was expressed over the possibility that an "agitator plant," which is the storage place for highly volatile fuels, may explode.

The flames were visible for miles before they were brought under control.

Japanese Move Against Siberia is Forecast

Special to the "Telegraph"

CHUNGKING, Sept. 24 (UP).—The newspaper "Ta Kung Pao" to-day predicted that with the loss of Kiev, the Japanese will be launching an offensive against Siberia very soon.

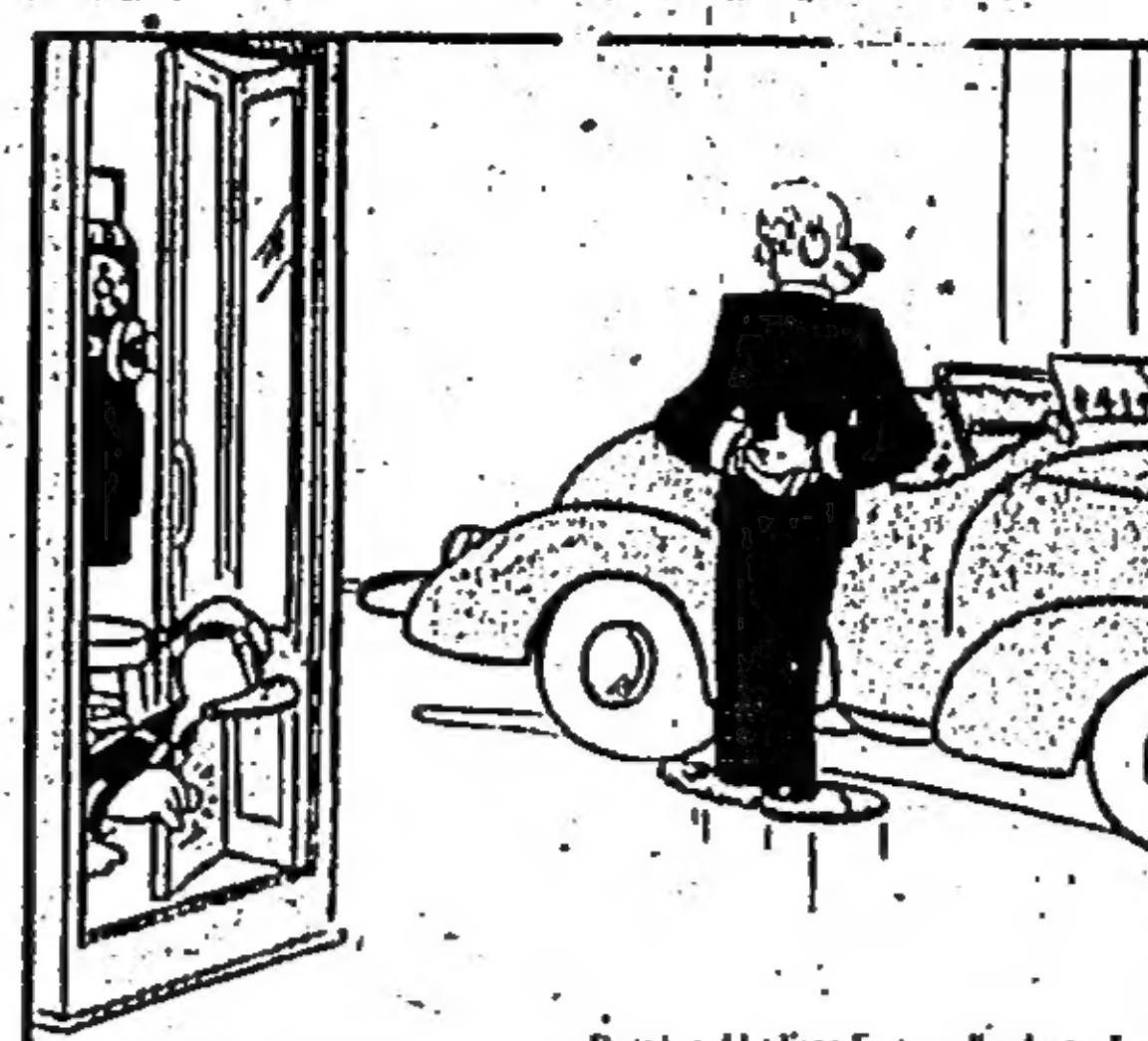
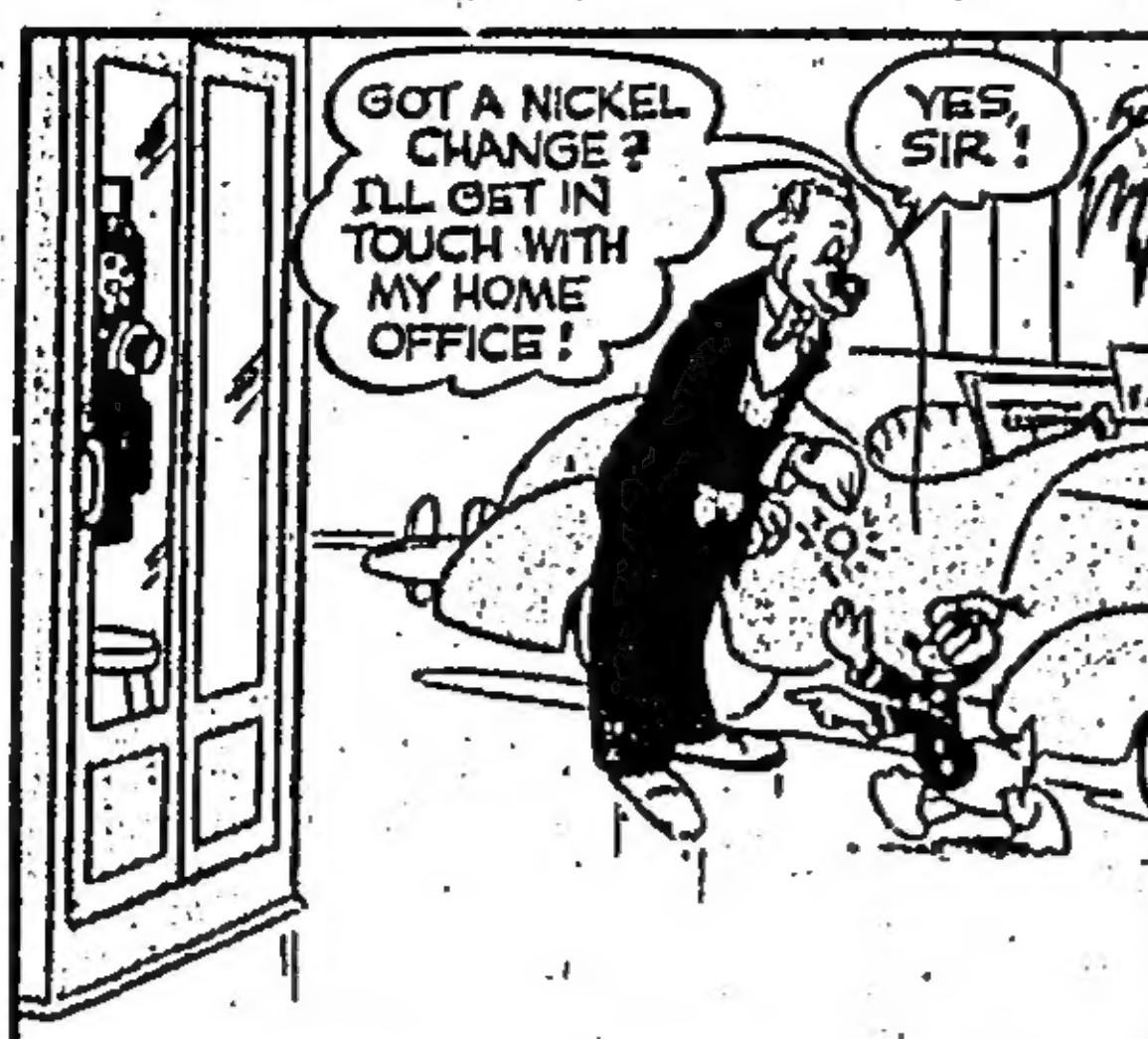
It asserted that all the Japanese northern offensives in history since the invasion of Korea in 1932 have been undertaken in the winter time. The first Russo-Japanese Siberian expedition in 1918 was in winter, and the occupation of Manchuria in 1931 was carried out in the same season.

The reasons for the winter campaign on the northern mainland include the fact that the freezing of all rivers in Manchuria permits Japanese cavalry and artillery to move freely.

The establishment of General Yamada's forces completes the preparations for a push north and the recent protest regarding the Soviet mines and the sinking of Japanese fishing boats provides the best prelude to a Russo-Japanese clash.

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DONALD DUCK



By Walt Disney

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By JOSEPHINE CULBERTSON

"DEAR Mrs Culbertson: Speaking of bridge partners, if we must, I really must tell you about what happened to me last night on the following hand:

"South dealer.
"Both sides vulnerable.

♠ 5 3
♥ 10
♦ J 7 6 4
♣ J 7 6 4

W E
S

♠ 7 2
♥ A K J 8 6 2
♦ A Q
♣ Q 8

"I sat North with that horrible man. The bidding really proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass Pass 1 NT

2 ♥ 2 ♠ Pass Pass

3 ♥ Pass Pass 3 ♦

Pass Pass Pass

"Obviously, my dear partner cared nothing about my pass to one heart; he was sure he could take nine tricks all by himself!

"West opened the spade jack. East won with the ace and returned the queen and eight. Declarer ruffed and led the king of diamonds. East won and led back a diamond. Now, instead of leading low to the heart, ten, thereby insuring against two heart losers, declarer cashed the ace and king, probably hoping to drop the queen and nine! Disappointed in this, and awaking to the probability that, considering East's bidding, the suit would not break, dear partner now shifted to the club queen. East won and made a return for which declarer should have been very grateful, namely, a diamond. But did my partner grasp the chance

to shorten his own trump suit by ruffing? He did not! He chucked his low club. Dummy's diamond jack won and another diamond was led, probably with the naive hope that East would ruff and allow South to overruff. East did not oblige, however; he discarded a club. Declarer let go the club ace but then, when dummy's last diamond was led, East discarding another club, declarer had to ruff. After which he had to concede two tricks to East's queen-nine of trumps.
"Of course, East made a bad play by leading the third diamond instead of a club. How simple it should have been for declarer to ruff that diamond, enter dummy with a low club to the jack and run diamonds until East was forced to ruff. In this way, it would have been a cinch to shut out the nine of trumps and thereby recoup from the original error of leading out the ace and king of trumps.
"Why is it the very players who bid their hands off usually manage to lose an extra trick in the play? J.F.G., New York."

I'm afraid I don't know the answer to J.F.G.'s question, and any other comment by me would be redundant.

To-morrow's Hand

♠ K 7 4
♥ K 8 4
♦ K J 10 7 4
♣ Q 7

♠ J 10 9 3
♥ 9 6
♦ 8 6 3
♣ A J 9 8

W E
S

♠ A Q 6
♥ A Q J 6
♦ 9 5 2
♣ K 6 4

West opens the spade jack against three notrump. What card should declarer play and why?

London's theatres are under fire, but THE SHOW GOES ON

By Sidney Horniblow

Bombs may fall, but the curtain goes up as usual. London's theatres are true to their tradition. Whatever happens the show goes on. The black-out has closed down on the lights which flashed their names, so the stars twinkle while the sun shines.

Matinees take place almost as usual, but evening shows are earlier. The audience gets home well before dark. Nobody is afraid of bombs in the day-time now, so the "house-full" boards go up just at the time that we would be dressing for dinner in the palmy days of peace.

No tails and tuxedos in the stalls. No ermine and orchids on gleaming white shoulders. But the house is full and the laughs ring loud. Comedy is the order of the day. Half the shows in London now are gay revues. There are three or four spectacular "musicals" and more are on the way to catch the cheers before the dark nights come again.

These big bright shows raised a puzzle for the Board of Trade chiefs when they announced clothes rationing in June. One revue alone takes 800 dresses, which only last six or seven months.

The ballet wear out 30 pairs of shoes a week.

Film and stage producers appealed for concessions. No one expected such a sweeping order as the general clothes rationing to go through without some adjustments being necessary. And have not the cinemas and theatres proved their worth as wartime tonics?

You might almost say they are essential wartime services. They pay the Government well. One show alone turns in £1,200 a week in entertainment tax.

The box-office takings show how much they are in demand. Cinema attendances are up on sunny spring evenings. The moon influences the money. Before the heavy blitzes came, and before old ladies got used to the black-out, business was best on moonlight nights. Now the moon is likely to bring the bombers, so dark nights swell the box-office takings.

And no miserable pictures please! Comedy, and gay romance are tops; though we don't mind a good real life picture or even a war film if it is well done, and packed with heroes.

If a real air raid begins before the show is over, the audience can be heroes too. During a tense love scene the roof spotters may flash down the message, "German planes approaching."

The audience are in another world. The clamour of war outside cannot distract the

rapt attention of the house. The manager slips out from the wings. "I'm sorry, to interrupt," he says, "but an air raid's just started. We shall carry on with the show, but, of course, you can leave if you wish."

A warden in the nine-pennies and a doctor in the circle pick up their steel helmets and go out to duty. The rest of the audience settle in their seats and the show goes on.

When war began, every cinema and theatre in London was ordered to close until further notice. We expected then to be bombed day and night from the word "go." The weeks went by but Goering, it seems, was not ready, so gradually the order was relaxed. The cinemas opened in the day-time only. Here and there a theatre came back to life. Gradually the shows got later, and now it is "business as usual, bombs permitting."

May and June in peace-time were always the peak-months of the London season. They have been the brightest for the show business in this year of war 1941. Our "double summer-time" as we call it (putting the clock on two hours ahead of sun-time in the summer) gives us long refreshing evenings to make up for lost sleep and shorter holidays. The longer the evenings the later the shows, and more of them.

We have not as many theatres open this time as we had in the last war. Many have been bombed, including the famous Theatre Royal Drury Lane, headquarters of ENSA, the troops' entertainment organisation.

What an escape for the "Lane" of treasured memor-

ies! The Royal Box was undamaged except for a small piece of plaster which was knocked off. Every King of England since Charles II has sat in that box.

The dressing rooms of David Garrick and Mrs Siddons, Garrick's famous mirror, and Sheridan's room where he wrote "The School for Scandal", are all intact.

Show business in the Provinces, in Liverpool and Blackpool and Glasgow and Birmingham, has more than made up for the bomb-blanks in London's theatre list. Takings in the country towns are double the pre-war figures.

People who hardly ever get the chance of coming to London have been able to see famous actors and actresses they would never have seen but for the war. The British stage is reviving the great touring tradition of Irving and Tree and Terry and Benson.

We may get round soon, to those riotous revues of the last war with their rollicking choruses sung by every soldier from England to the East. It is the chorus girls who need finding these days. They are either entertaining the troops, or in uniform themselves.

But, whatever the difficulties the theatre carries on. It is nearly 300 years since anything happened to shut it down in Britain. When the Civil War began in 1642 the Lords and Commons published an ordinance which commanded that "while these sad causes and settlements of humiliation do continue public stage plays shall cease and be forborne."

A brief setback, but apart from this the theatre has not only kept going, it has bravely flourished in adversity.

The wars of ancient Greece did not stop Sophocles and Euripides and Aeschylus from writing their immortal plays, nor did they stop performances.

In the year of Waterloo famous stars played in "Romeo and Juliet" at London's Covent Garden.

In the last great war the theatre carried on its gay good work. It still carries on, however grim the terror from the skies, and Shakespeare gives the cue: "Is there no play to ease the anguish of a torturing hour?"

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary, issued yesterday is:

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Landis	\$37
Realities	\$3.80
Trams	\$17.95
Yummi Ferries	\$24
China Lights "O"	\$7
Electricity "O"	\$22.85
Electricity "N"	\$12.50
Macao Electric	\$18
Telephones "O"	\$24.80
Telephones "N"	\$9 1/2
Cements	\$16.85
Watsons	\$13 1/2
Lane, Crawford	\$8.25
Sinceres	\$2.40
Entertainments	\$6.80
Sellers	
Providents	\$7.50
Hotels	\$4.30
Realities	\$4.10
Trams	\$18
Sales	
Docks	\$10 1/2
Providents	\$7.40
Hotels	\$4.25
Trams	\$18
Electricity "N"	\$23
Macao Electric	\$18 1/2
Telephones "O"	\$25
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Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- Chinese dynasty
- Stick in nose
- Monumental figure
- Above and on
- Freebie-minded
- Kind of awaking
- Out away claws of
- Vehicle of war
- Farther jet
- French: before
- Writing fluid
- Cutspooniness
- Native of
- Scandinavian country
- State of decimal
- Portending
- Small size
- Representative
- Look after
- Pastoring device
- Make angry
- Coverings for feet
- Make saluted
- Amusement beside
- Flows before events
- Blowing of court
- Blow, due
- Only
- Officer of ship
- Bating utensil
- Drink like by little
- Prefix: half
- Acquire of considerable extent
- Make speech
- Clive out

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SAY BIGOT TIED
ONE STAGE
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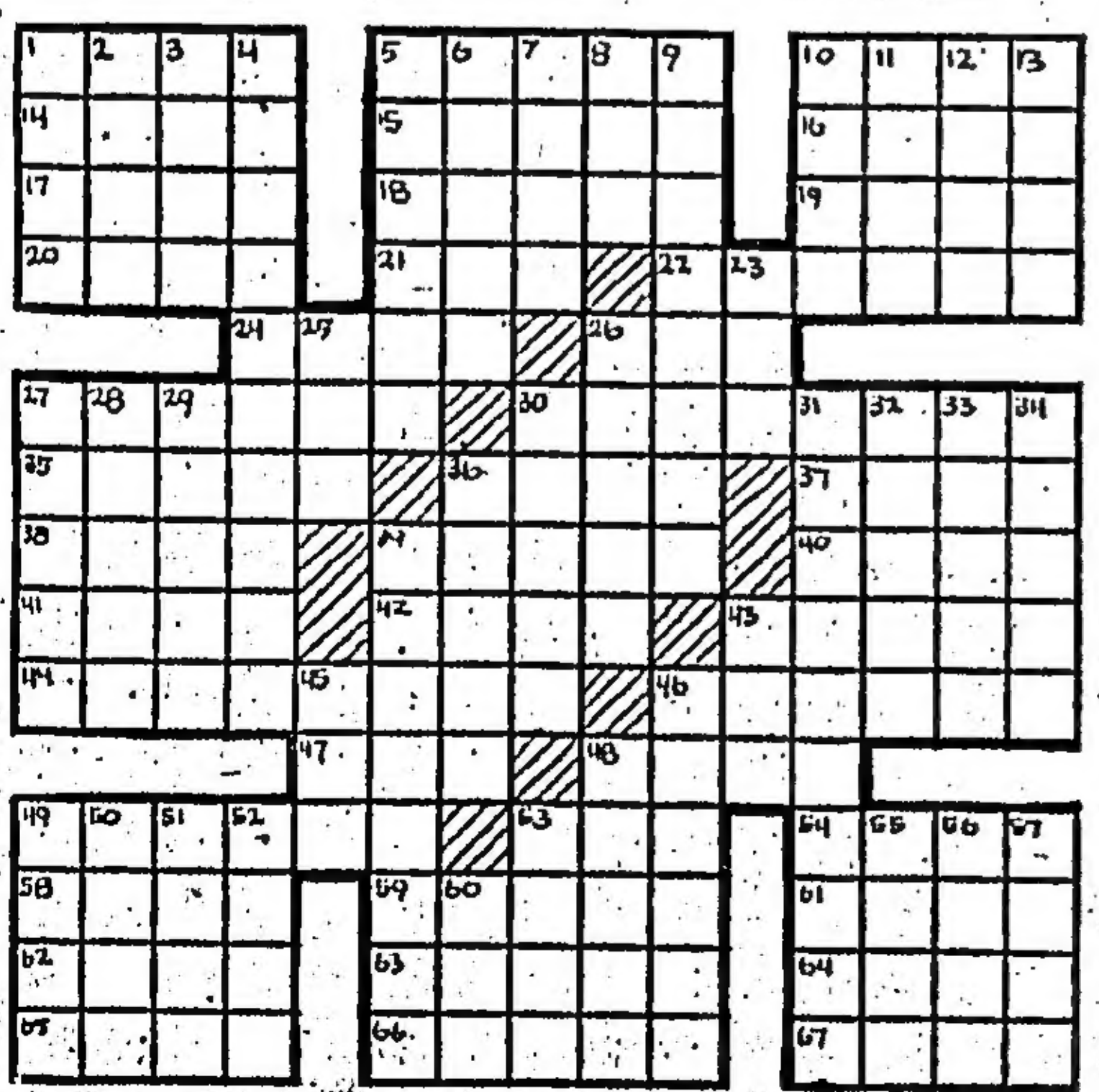
23—Ole language
24—One who tans
25—Furner of leather
26—Carriage
27—Trolley car
28—General killed in late Spanish war

DOWN

1—General killed in late Spanish war

2—Russian name

- Wet lizard
- Average
- Wrist
- Place for skating
- Large deer
- Love drink
- Component of steel
- Devoid of heat
- Christiania, Norway
- At
- Girl's name
- Termite
- Joist
- Discloses to view
- Pointed arch
- Eraser
- Common laborers
- Tractor
- Open and candid
- Good time
- Snow and rain
- Medieval freeman
- Goodmother
- Alighted
- Exterminated particle
- Article of household
- Lines
- Type of head covering
- Sliver in staircase
- Small opening in
- AD
- Plect
- Law metals
- Food plant
- Medieval ruler
- Class of allities
- Particular article in list
- Large rodent



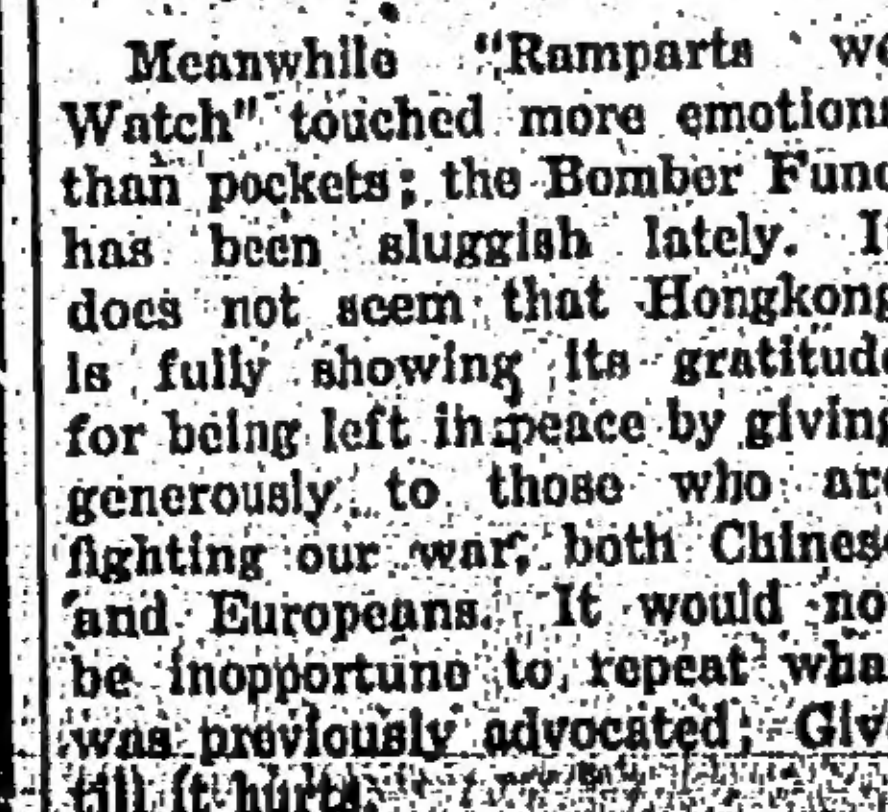
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Lawn Bowls

Pairs Champions Beaten By Solina And Omar

Lack of Practice

SHOWING a definite lack of practice, H. A. Alves and F. V. V. Ribeiro, Pairs champions of last year, were eliminated in the quarter-finals of this year's championship when they met S. R. Solina and K. M. Omar at the Kowloon B.G.C. yesterday. The Craigenower pair won by 21-12.

Solina and Omar deserved their victory for they were by far the better pair. The Craigenower pair opened the scoring with a single, but the Valley combination scored a four on the 4th end through fine bowling by Omar, and from that moment to the end they were in the lead.

The champions total of 12 included seven singles, a 2 and a 3. This latter was registered on the 20th end, but when the Craigenower pair were in the lead.

Alves and Ribeiro had a bad spell over the middle heads when from the 9th to the 14th Solina and Omar chalked up a total of nine shots to make the score then 17-4.

Scores were:

Solina & Omar 0, 2, 0, 4, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 3, 0, 1, 21.

Alves & Ribeiro 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 2, 1, 1, 0, 12.

Referees' Classes

The final lecture by the Hongkong Football Referees' Association on Rules from Nos. 1 to 17, will be given by Mr. Hugh A. Beard, Chairman, and Lieut. L. G. Crossby, Chairman of the Army Referees' Sub-Committee, at the Scandal Point Hall to-day at 7 p.m. An examination for Army and R.A.F. candidates will be held at the Scandal Point Hall on Monday, September 29 at 7 p.m.

SPORTS ADVT.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

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By Order,

S. A. SLEAP,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING "GOSFORD HANDICAP"

Saturday, 27th September, 1941

In view of the number of entries received for the above it has been decided to divide the race into three sections.

The third section will be race No. 11 and run at 6.50 p.m.

A cash sweep, tickets \$1 each, will be held on this race but "All through" numbers will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Race Course during the Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards,

S. A. SLEAP,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th September, 1941.

Pairs Quarter-Finals On Sunday

FROM THE POINT OF VIEW of three teams in the First Division and seven in the Third, the League was over when they finished their matches last Saturday. But interest is as keen as ever in respect of the relegation problem in the First Division and the championships of the Second and Third Divisions.

Three teams are in danger of going down into the Second Division, these being Recreio "B", Kowloon B.G.C. "B" and Civil Service C.C.

Of the three, Recreio "B" are in the best position and can only be affected if they lose all five points in their last match of the season against Kowloon C.C. and if the Civil Servants win all five against Kowloon Docks.

The following are the standings of these three teams:

Recreio "B"	P	W	L	T	Pts
Kowloon B.G.C. "B"	17	5	12	0	23 1/2
Civil Service	17	4	13	0	22 1/2

THE results of matches in the Second Division last week have

ended to an extremely interesting ending to the championship. Kowloon Football Club, the leaders, won 4-1 against Hongkong C.C. and Kowloon Tong, the only team in a position to challenge the leaders, beat Tai Koo Docks on all three rinks.

Thus Kowloon Tong are now only two points behind Kowloon F.C. with the match between them to decide the championship. If Kowloon Tong can beat the Footballers by 4-1, they will snatch a last-minute success.

But this match will be decided on the Kowloon F.C. green and it will be a tall order for Kowloon Tong to keep the home side down to only one point. It should prove to be one of the best matches of the season in this division.

IN the Third Division, Kowloon Bowling Green Club kept their noses in front of the Police R.C. by going to Happy Valley last week and beating the guardians of the peace by four points to one.

With the Indians—who were still in the running—taking only half a point from Hongkong Electric, the position in this section is that the Police need only two points in their last game of the season—against Kowloon F.C. at Chatham Road—to clinch the championship. The Indians' best hope of keeping abreast of these two teams was to beat Hongkong Electric by five points to nil. Considering that the Electricians occupy the cellar position in the League Table, the task was not as formidable as some might have imagined. But weakened by the absence of three players, including two regular slips, the Indians were not equal to the occasion.

AS to be expected, Craigenower C.C., the new champions of the First Division, won on all three rinks against Kowloon B.G.C. "B". Having already won the title, the only interest left for Craigenower in this match was whether U. M. Omar's rink could retain its 100 per cent. record.

Drawn against Jock McKelvie, Omar had to go all out to win and the fact that he had only two shots to spare at the end is sufficient testimony to the fight put up by McKelvie.

Dick Basa, No. 3 to Omar, enjoyed one of his better days in this match and it was due to a great extent to him that the rink kept its record intact.

AT Sookunpoo, the Indians scored a clean sweep against Kowloon Docks, thus avenging the 4-1 defeat the latter inflicted on them at Hung-hom some weeks ago.

Taking charge of a rink for the second time, D. M. Khas was again the most successful skip on the home side. He was given good support by his front men, all of whom were having the better of their opposite numbers.

As a result Fred Cullen had an unenviable job.

A. K. Minu just scraped through by three shots against A. Colman, while M. R. Abbas' rink—the same four who are in the final of the open championship—had to score on the last four ends to win by two shots.

Malcolm Ferguson played a splendid game against Abbas, settling down to the green almost at once.

It was good to see Bob Craig turning out once again. Considering that he had been out of the game for so long, Craig—he used to play for the Kowloon C.C.—was quite good in his drawing to the jack although the heaviness of the Sookunpoo green found him short on a few occasions.

NOTICE that arrangements for playing off the rink final have not yet been made. It is reported that the Sub-Committee have decided to hold the match in abeyance and that it "will probably be played off within the next fortnight or so."

As it is already a fortnight since the semi-finals were played, this means that the finalists are to be left kicking their heels about for a month.

Between the quarter-finals and the semi-finals there was a lapse of five weeks, and now between the semi-finals and the final there is a lapse of five weeks. The next best time in the back-stroke heat, Miss Li Po-luen showed a three-second superiority over the next best time in the back-stroke heat.

Enid Wilson's Eye Injured In Air Raid

Miss Enid Wilson, former woman golf champion, now serving as an officer in the W.A.A.F., has had her left eye injured in a recent air raid.

Although the extent of the injury gives cause for anxiety, the doctors hope that by treatment sight will be fully restored to this eye.



Volunteers Aquatic Meet

Top: The women's relay—Nursing Detachment v. A.R.P. Miss K. Grant taking off for the A.R.P. with Miss I. Grant tapping, and to the right, Miss M. Booker being sent away by Mrs. Mills for the Nursing Detachment.

Below: Second lap of the Volunteers Inter-Unit medley relay. W. S. Gegg (S/Units), D. Hutchinson (Mobile Column), T. Kew (Static Machine Gun), Marques (Portuguese Coy) and Yeung Yuk-wa (Artillery) taking over from the breast-stroke men.—Ming Yuen.



Colony Swimming Championships Commence To-night

Three New Events On First Day's Programme

(By "Tinker")

CLOSE upon the heels of the Hongkong Chinese Swimming Championships are the Colony Championships, the first events of which are being held this evening at the Victoria Recreation Club pool.

The five events are the Men's 880 yards free-style, 220 back-stroke and 150 yards medley, and the women's 100 breast-stroke and 220 free-style.

Of these, three are new events, only the half-mile and the women's breast-stroke races have been held before, and though in all, the winners are more or less known, yet there will be interesting competition throughout.

The probable winners are: 880 yards free-style.—Chan Chun-nam. 220 yards back-stroke.—W. Lawrence. 150 yards medley.—Ng Nin. 100 breast-stroke.—Miss Li Po-luen. 220 yards free-style.—Miss V. Churn.

However, in the half mile, the opening event on the programme, Chan Chun-nam, present champion and holder of the record, will have to consider his younger colleagues Yau Sai-kwan and Lau Tai-ping—especially the former.

They have shown remarkable improvement during the winter, and Yau Sai-kwan has already shown it possible to beat Chan, though that was in the 220 yds free-style heat.

For the men's back-stroke, the heats' times show Lawrence several seconds better than either of his challengers—Poon Wing-kei (Lai Tsun) and A. C. Rumlahn. He should win to-night but there will be a grand battle for second place.

Ng Nin is the undoubted favourite for the men's 150 yards individual medley. Tsang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun) the only other entrant for this new event is a formidable opponent, but there is no evading recognition of Ng Nin's superiority in both breast-stroke and free-style races.

Women's Events

NEITHER is there any question on the selected winners for the women's events. Miss Li Po-luen showed a three-second superiority over the next best time in the back-stroke heat, and though in all, the winners are more or less known, yet there will be interesting competition throughout.

Cambridgeshire Candidates At Newmarket

NEWMARKET, Sept. 24 (Reuters).—The Swaffham Stakes over a mile and two furlongs was expected to provide a good test for several of the Cambridgeshire horses, but for various reasons the field was one of only four runners, two of which have entered for the big race.

The race was won by Mrs. James' Beausite, a filly by Bold Archer out of Orama, trained by Colling and ridden by Ephraim Smith.

The other Cambridgeshire candidate, Dialogue, Mr. Vialto's colt by Blanford out of Dulet, was third.

Prince Aly Khan's Annatom, by Tigrari out of Antonina was second, beaten by a head, four lengths separating second from third.

The betting was 5-2 Beausite, 4-6 Annatom and 100-6 Dialogue. Beausite was second in the Thousand Guineas.

Hole-in-One

Playing over the Relief Course at Fanling on Tuesday evening, C. Mather did the third hole in one.

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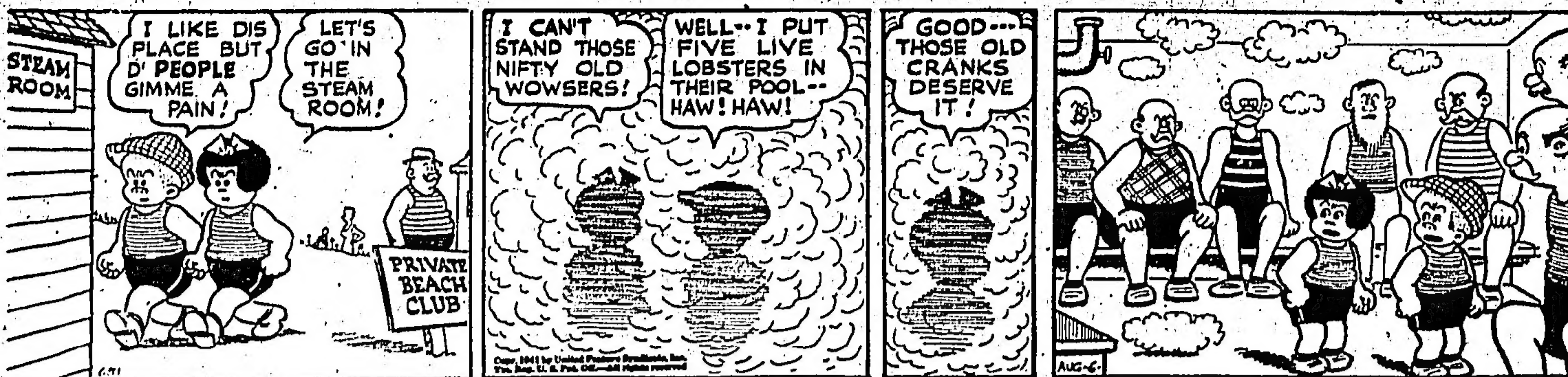
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CABLE TO BE SENT TO MR. DUFF COOPER

About four hundred bachelor-husbands attended a meeting at the Peninsula Hotel Rose Room yesterday evening and learnt that the Governor, Sir Mark Young, had undertaken to recommend to the Home Government at the earliest possible moment the revocation of the evacuation decree.

They received this information from Mr. W. V. Taylor, Hon. Secretary of the Evacuation Representation Committee, but they made derisive exclamations when they learnt that action by the Governor was dependant upon the counsel of his military and civil advisers, arguing that their position was much as before.

Much of the time was given to an itemisation of cases of alleged discrimination involving wives of high Government officials and other influential people, both in the matter of evading the evacuation order and of obtaining permission to re-enter the Colony.

The meeting unanimously decided to cable Mr. A. Duff Cooper, representative of the British Cabinet in the Far East, in Singapore urging the husbands' grievances. By another resolution the husbands declared their opinion that the evacuation had impaired the morale of the Colony's British population.

An appeal for funds resulted in \$739.47 being collected, which was added to the Committee's standing credit of \$267.30. When the figures were disclosed a voice from the hall shouted,—"This money might have gone to the Bomber Fund if not for the evacuation."

At least one woman attended the meeting, which testified to its patriotism by singing the National Anthem at its close.

Mr. R. J. Banks (Committee Chairman) presided and was supported on the platform by Messrs W. V. Taylor (Hon. Secretary), V. D. Gage, J. Shepherd, L. A. Gibson, D. Nickson, and W. G. McKie and Captain W. E. Kirby.

British Red Cross

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The British Red Cross has allocated £250,000 to deal with the immediate needs of Russia and Britain's other Allies.

Lord Illife, Chairman of the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St. John Fund, is issuing a special appeal to meet the urgent needs of the Polish Army and the Czechoslovak Legion being organised on Russian soil.

REMOVAL OF STATUES

The King Charles I statue in Trafalgar Square is to be taken away to a secret place of "presumed safety" and is reappearing from its protective sandbags and corrugated iron. Other statues which may be moved soon are those of Charles II in Chelsea Hospital and George II at Greenwich.



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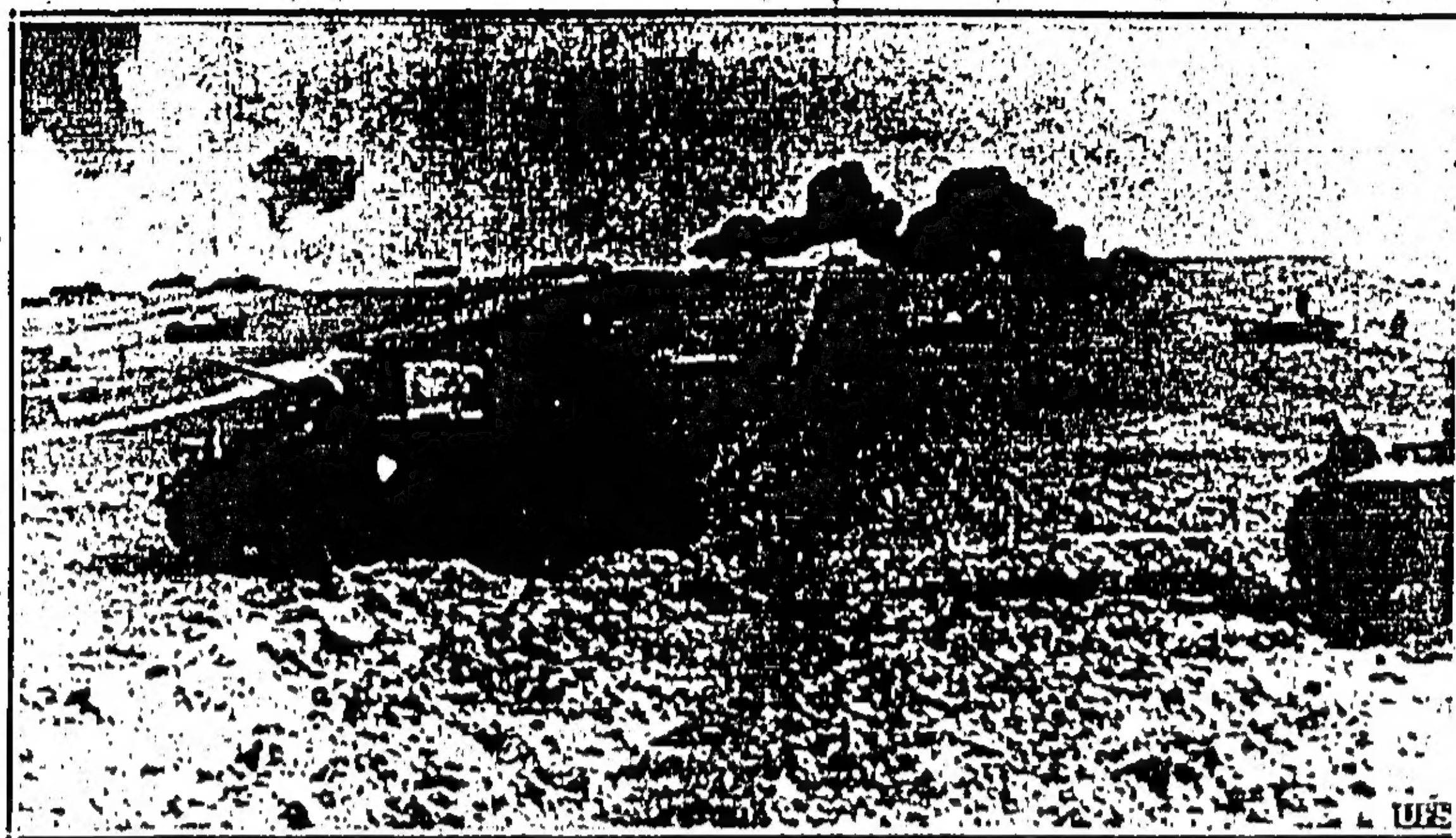
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NAZIS ATTACK—Russia is known for its broad plains, illustrated readily in this picture showing German tanks taking up position for a frontal attack on Soviet defences. The picture, found on a German prisoner, was radioed to New York.

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12.30—Marek Weber and His Orchestra and Gladys Swarthout (Mexico Soprano).

1.0 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 John Goes (Baritone) and The Cathedral Male Voice Quartet and The Massed Bands of H.M. Royal Marine.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Jack Hulbert and Cicely Courtneidge in Variety.

2.15 Close Down.

6.0 Indian Programme.

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Dance Music by Gerald Moore (Piano) and His Rhythm.

7.15 Vivian Ellis (Piano) and Jessie Matthews (Vocal).

7.35 Light Orchestra.

8.00 "Victoria and Her Hussar"—Selection (Abraham); "Manon"—Fantasia (Massenet, arr. Tavan).

8.00 London Relay—The News.

8.15 London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 London Relay—"Listening Post."

Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 Programme Summary.

8.32 A Ketebeby Programme.

9.0 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 Studio—"Tonight We Present."

A Record Review arranged by John Abbott.

9.45-10.0 News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 Berlioz—"King Lear" Overture, Op. 4.

The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.

10.0 London—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 Short Piano Recital by Arthur Schnabel.

Evocation (Albeniz); Cordoba (Albeniz); Navarra (Albeniz); 10.30 Paul Robeson (Bass) and

The German propaganda machine is angrily accusing Stalin of "the greatest tank bluff since tanks were introduced into warfare."

The Russians displayed only old model tanks at manoeuvres and parades at which foreign military attaches were present, the Germans declare. But secretly they built up a great force of improved machines.

'Laval's Life Belongs To French Nation'

The hope that the French quislings Pierre Laval, former Vichy Vice-Premier, and Marcel Deat, editor of the Nazi-controlled Paris newspaper "L'Oeuvre," may recover from their injuries so that they can be later tried by the French nation and legally made to pay for their crimes is expressed in a communique released by the Free French Headquarters in Singapore. The communique reads:

"The recent attempt against the lives of Laval and Deat is a clear indication of the fast rising tide of revolt and indignation which is now surging in France against the treacherous advocates of 'co-operation' with Nazi Germany."

"It is also significant that despite the strong pressure exerted on the population and the violent propaganda campaign which went with it, Laval and his clique never succeeded in recruiting more than 1,200 'volunteers' for their so-called 'anti-Bolshevik' legion. This attempt to enlist Frenchmen to fight and die for Hitler on the Eastern Front has ended in complete failure."

"As for Laval and Deat, we earnestly hope that they may survive their injuries. Their lives belong to the justice of the French nation whose task it will be to pass sentence upon them."

The Boston Promenade Orchestra. 11.0 London—"War Correspondent."

11.15 Close Down.

Reporting this, the "Daily Express" correspondent at Stockholm (Sweden) says:—

"The Germans say that when the Russians appeared in battle they had types of tanks of which the German High Command had never even heard."

"At the outbreak of the war the Germans officially stated that the Russians had 9,000 tanks, in 49 brigades."

"The Germans now say that they have captured or destroyed 9,000 tanks, but the Russians have many left."

"This was discovered by the Germans in the much-advertised thrust to Vyazma, 100 miles along the Moscow road from Smolensk."

"German tanks and motorised infantry reached Vyazma but could not hold the village. They called for reinforcements, and the 137th German infantry division joined them."

"The Russians let this division reach Vyazma practically unhindered, but closed in behind."

Germans Crushed

"Then the Russians launched a crushing artillery and tank attack against the German tanks and infantry."

"Heavy Russian tanks charged straight at German tanks which had escaped the artillery fire. The Soviet monsters climbed on the smaller German machines, crushing them."

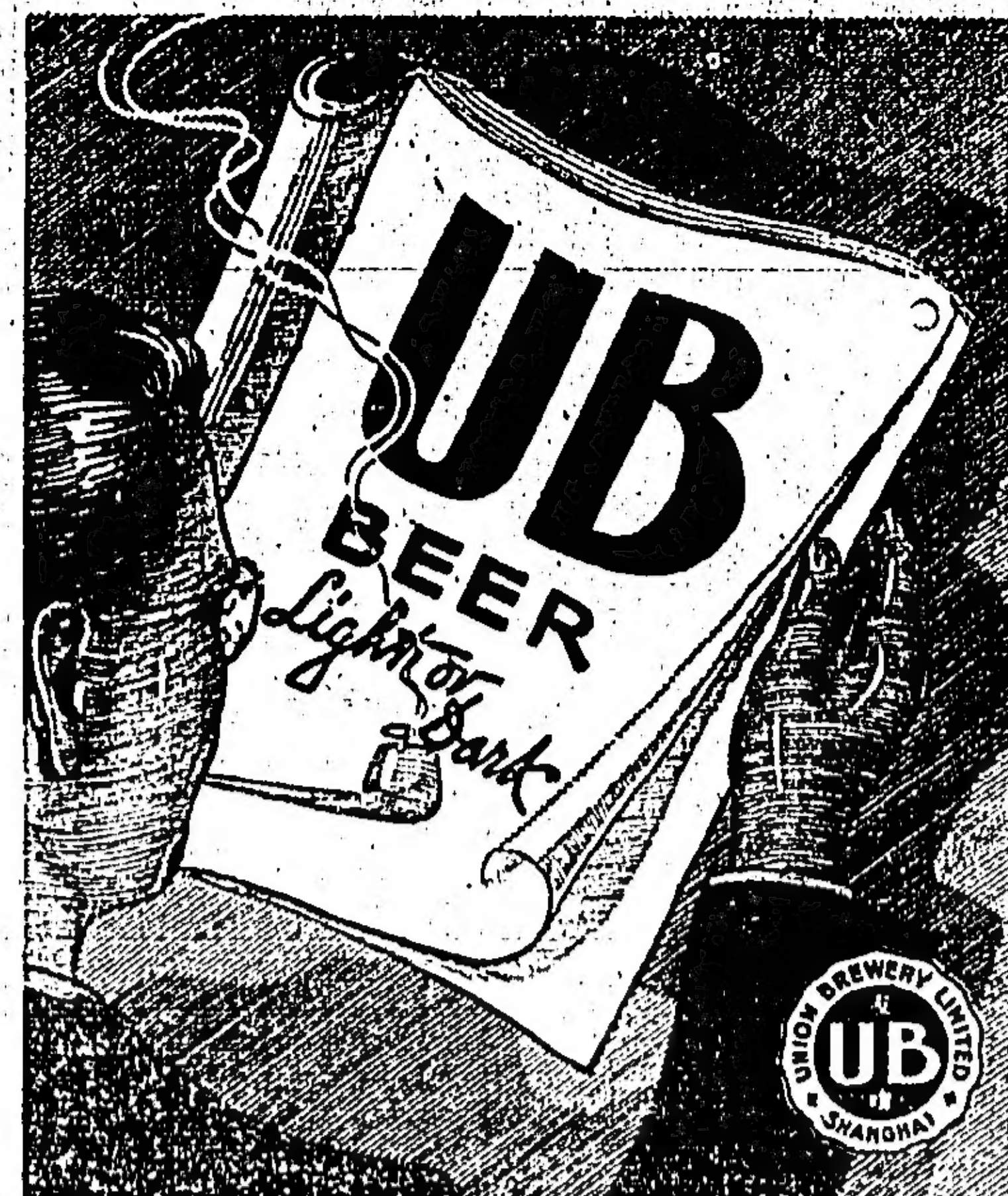
"The Panzer force and the 137th division were destroyed. At Vyazma alone, 3,000 German dead were counted."

"The 'Daily Express' correspondent says that, with Germans dying by the thousands in this manner, the German public is beginning to seek scapegoats."

"The Nazis will produce the scapegoats," he adds.



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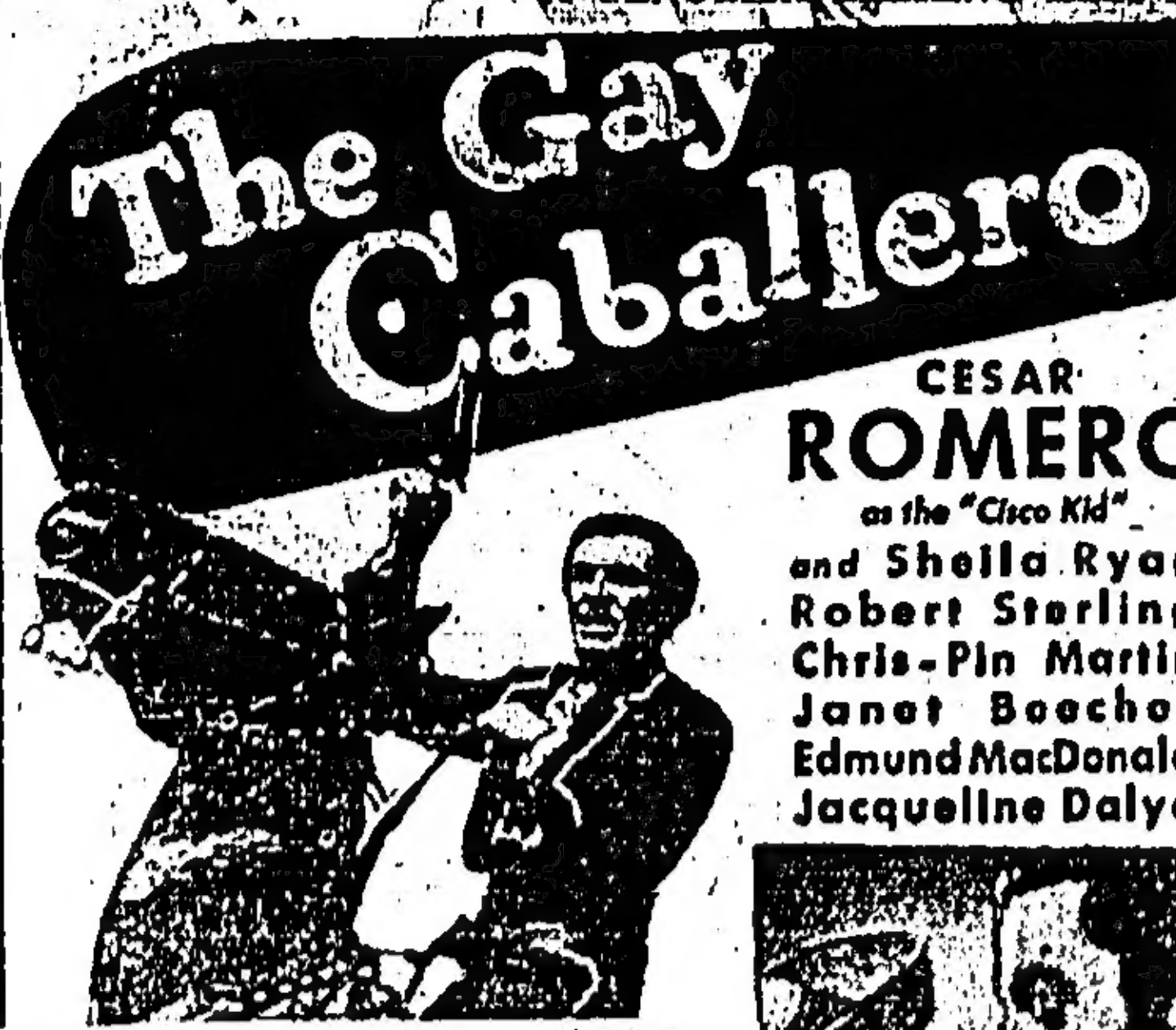
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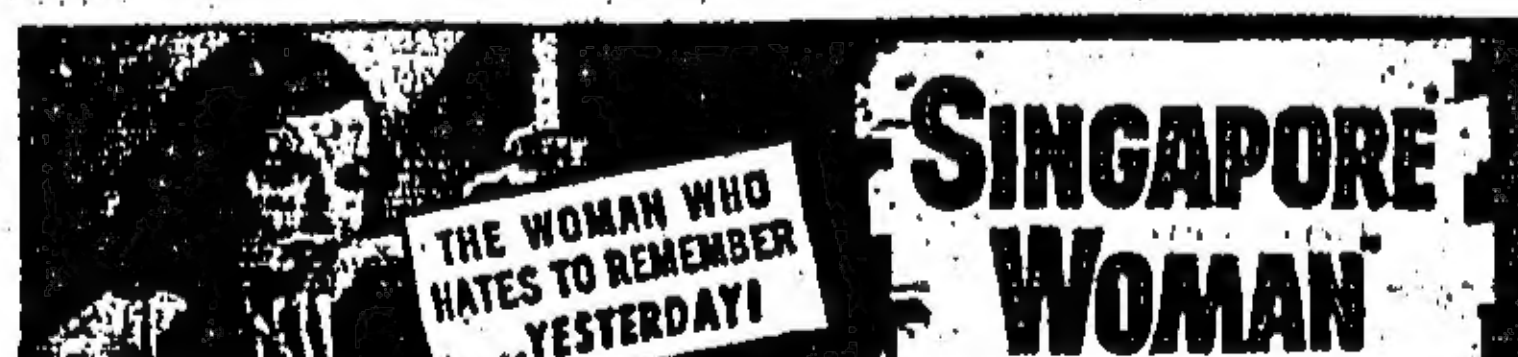
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Enemy Ships Sunk By Sub.

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—A British submarine has torpedoed an enemy transport and a supply ship of about 1,500 tons each in the Central Mediterranean, according to an Admiralty communiqué this afternoon.

The supply ship is believed to have been sunk and the transport was later seen to be on fire.

WAVELL'S FLYING TRIP TO LONDON

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—It is understood that General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief in India, has been on a visit to London where he had consultations with the Imperial General Staff.

General Wavell came by air and has now returned.

During his visit to London he had several talks with Mr. Churchill, General Sir John Dill (Chief of the Imperial General Staff) and other high British military officials.

It is understood that the object of General Wavell's visit was to discuss various problems arising out of the situation in Russia and the Middle East.

U.S. Strike Off

NEW YORK, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The Seafarers' International Union has called off its 11-day strike pending the outcome of negotiations between the ship owners and the National Defence Mediation Board.

Mediation Bears Fruit

NEW YORK, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt's statement yesterday that merchantmen tied up in ports by labour disputes "have got to move" is apparently bearing fruit.

The Seafarers' International Union called membership meetings this morning to discuss the release of 25 tied-up vessels which in the words of the Union leader, Mr. John Hawk, was "the sensible thing to do."

Mr. Hawk advised putting men back on board the ships, releasing the vessels and then "letting the Mediation Board handle the disputes."

Sailors of the Union of the Pacific which had tied up three vessels in the New York harbour, announced that their membership had voted on release of the vessels at 5 p.m. G.M.T.

T.U.C. Meeting With Soviet Trade Unions

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—It was officially stated to-day that arrangements are now in hand for the first meeting between delegates of the T.U.C. and the All-Russian Central Council of Trade Unions to take place in Moscow.

The T.U.C. representatives will be Mr. Frank Wolstencroft, Chairman of the T.U.C., Sir Walter Clifline (General Secretary), Mr. P. Allen, Mr. A. Conley and Mr. H. N. Harrison.

Extermination Of Badly Wounded Nazis Alleged

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Moscow Radio in English to-day stated that doctors in the German Army hospitals have had instructions to put to death badly wounded men for whom there is no hope of returning to the ranks.

The question is decided in each particular case by the head doctor of the hospital, said the radio announcer.

LATE NEWS

Conference Adheres To Declaration

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co-operation becomes between Britain and America the greater will be the future safety of those who to-day have taken up arms against the common foe.

Help For Russia

Mr Masaryk hoped that the co-operation would be particularly quick in giving all possible assistance to Soviet Russia.

On behalf of Greece, Mr Tsouderos approved the resolution.

Mr Joseph Lich, for Luxembourg, said his government gave adherence to the Roosevelt-Churchill declaration.

"To-day the whole world knows that the great English-speaking democracies are jointly pledged to the final destruction of Nazi tyranny."

The declaration had brought renewed encouragement to resistance by oppressed peoples.

Netherlands

Dr E. N. van Kleffens, the Netherlands Foreign Minister, said that the words "with due respect for their existing obligations," in Point 4 of the Atlantic Charter (dealing with equal access to trade and raw materials) appeared to be in the nature of reservation.

Existing obligations should not be perpetuated if they would seriously impair or diminish the effect of rule. At the end of the last war the same principle found its way into the Charter in almost identical terms, he said, and they all knew what became of it when the snowball of protection was set rolling until it became so large that it was a serious obstacle in the path of international trade.

An Earnest Hope

The Netherlands Government expressed the earnest hope to see trade barriers removed and discriminatory treatment in international commerce abolished. A serious effort would be made to that end for the ultimate benefit of all.

Dr van Kleffens said that on behalf of the Netherlands Government, he was happy to express adhesion to the principles of the Atlantic Charter because it was their conviction that these principles, properly applied, would go far to advance a better international order which would bring to all countries international and national security and prosperity.

"We think the President of the United States and the Prime Minister of His Britannic Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom for having taken this auspicious initiative," he said.

Poland's Views

The Polish Minister, Count Edward Raczyński, said he hoped the Charter would be fully applied and the arrangements of certain nations that had taken advantage of present circumstances would not be forgotten.

Poland which was the first victim of the German aggressor and which had still rejected German proposals of collaboration would see that none of the illegal acts perpetrated by the ruthless aggressor would be recognised and the Polish population which had been removed from the western parts of Poland would return to their homes and the Germans be driven away.

He was confident too, that Poland would not be allowed to emerge from the war with reduced territory but would see her frontiers assured an economic development worthy of the numbers of her population. He endorsed very strongly the fundamental principles of the Atlantic Charter.

Pool of Resources

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The duty of all free countries to organise in good time an initial pool of resources for use in the transition from peace to war was stressed by Mr Anthony Eden at to-day's resumption of the Allied Conference at St James's Palace, London.

Mr Eden proposed a resolution dealing with practical steps which must be taken in order to provide for the supply of necessities to occupied countries as soon as the German oppressors had been removed.

It was in order to organise this action that the British Government had invited the Allied Governments and authorities to meet there that day. The preliminary work had already been done by a Ministerial Committee on export supplies.

European Needs

Another Committee under Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, Government Chief Economic adviser, had already begun to enquire into European needs.

The Netherlands Government had taken measures to bulwark a story, country and the Polish and Belgian Governments had to prepare preliminary memoranda on their country's estimated requirements.

The Norwegian and Czech Governments were putting in hand preparation of corresponding memoranda.

Mr Eden said that the framing

TERRIFIC BATTLE FOR LENINGRAD

FROM PAGE ONE

the 130th and 137th German Alpine Regiments during an attack by German and Finnish troops on the Mursmansk front.

"Between September 4 and 10, German troops lost 2,000 men in killed alone," states the newspaper, which adds that all attacks were repulsed.

Fleet Air Arm

The effective work of the Soviet Fleet Air Arm finds a place in to-day's Soviet broadcasts. A supplement to the Soviet communiqué states that the Soviet Baltic Fleet Air Arm during Monday brought down 13 enemy planes and destroyed ten more on enemy aerodromes.

At the approaches to Leningrad, Soviet Fleet Air Arm bombers destroyed two German anti-aircraft batteries, 11 anti-aircraft and machine-gun emplacements, 14 armoured cars and eight guns.

The Black Sea Fleet Air Arm destroyed 11 enemy planes on their aerodromes.

The supplement also refers to bold attacks on German troops by a guerrilla detachment commanded by a schoolmaster operating in the Odessa district.

British Planes in Action

VICRY, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—"Squadrons" of British planes are now participating in the defence of Leningrad, according to a Stockholm dispatch to a Vichy news agency.

With the aid of British aircraft, the dispatch says, the Russian Air Force has caused serious losses to the Germans. The Russian Fleet is also helping the Leningrad defenders.

German movement on this front has been greatly hampered by rain, and in addition the nights are intensely cold.

On the former Estonian islands of Dool and Dagoo, Russian troops are still fiercely resisting attacks by Nazi planes, parachutists and infantry.

Bordeaux Explosion

NEW YORK, Sept. 24 (UP).—According to the Vichy radio a great explosion occurred in a Bordeaux war factory, which destroyed a portion of the building identified as an alcohol factory which was producing synthetic gasoline.

and co-ordination of the estimates of the probable requirements was the first task. Such estimates must take into account the urgent needs in the first week after the Nazi yoke was lifted.

Re-organisation Period

Such estimates must further take into account the probable demands of European countries for supplies from overseas in order to restore their economies to working order after a period of reorganisation which is likely to last two years after the war.

Mr Eden said that he would propose provision for the establishment of a bureau which would report to the Inter-Allied Committee under the Chairmanship of Sir Frederick Leith-Ross.

Stocks of certain essential foodstuffs were even now accumulated in those parts of the world not directly ravaged by war. It was known that the United States Government was deeply interested in planning for the co-ordination of stocks and the marketing of some of the most important commodities, especially wheat and cotton.

The statement which they have authorised me to make shows that they will not be unwilling at the time to join in the framing of plans for the supply of Europe's needs on the basis of co-operation" said Mr Eden.

Dutch Food Stocks

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The point of view of the Netherlands Government with regard to the resolution adopted by the Inter-Allied Conference in London to-day on the subject of post-war feeding and relief in Europe was explained to "Reuter" to-day by an authoritative Netherlands spokesman.

"As is well-known," he said, "the Netherlands Government some time ago planned measures for re-stocking the Netherlands as soon as the yoke of German oppression has been cast off. Queen Wilhelmina in a radio speech, promised her people to take this task in hand."

Operations In U.S.A.

"A Government executive in the extraordinary service appointed for this purpose is in New York and is making the necessary purchases and supervising the storing of these goods for the duration of the war."

"Although the Government have the greatest possible interest in this joint Allied task and will be prepared to exert all their powers to contribute their share to this work, the fact remains that plans on behalf of the Netherlands Motherland retain their particular attention."

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It asserted that all the Japanese northern offensives in history since the invasion of Korea in 1902 have been undertaken in the winter time. The first Russo-Japanese Siberian expedition in 1918 was in winter, and the occupation of Manchuria in 1931 was carried out in the same season.

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- 7.—All entries to be either black and white or sepia, and must be mounted. Coloured photographs are ineligible.
- 8.—Pictures submitted in sepia tones should be accompanied by a smaller print in black and white.
- 9.—No picture to be entered in more than one Section.
- 10.—Mounts to be only white or cream, must be of one of the following sizes: 10x12, 10x14, 10x16.
- 11.—No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.
- 12.—Members of the Staffs of the Hongkong Telegraph and the South China Morning Post are not permitted to compete.
- 13.—The decision of the Judges shall be final.
- 14.—At the conclusion of the Competition the entries will be returned to competitors on application at the Telegraph office within seven days.
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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorized officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Approx. Area in Acres	Approx. Value
1	Shek Shan, near the intersection of the New Road and the old road leading to the Shek Shan Estate.	about 37,000 sq. feet	about 37,000	about 0.85	\$2,350

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$2,350.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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1.0 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 John Goes (Baritone) and The Cathedral Male Voice Quartet and The Massed Bands of H.M. Royal Marines.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Jack Hulbert and Cicely Courtneidge in Variety.

2.15 Close Down.

6.0 Indian Programme.

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Dance Music by Gerald Moore (Piano) and His Rhythm.

7.15 Vivian Ellis (Piano) and Jessie Matthews (Vocal).

7.35 Light Orchestra.

8.00 Vienna—Polpourri (Dostal); "Viktorin And Her Hussar"—Selection (Abraham); "Mignon"—Fantasia (Massenet, arr. Tavan).

8.15 London Relay—The News.

8.15 London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 London Relay—Listening Post.

Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 Programme Summary.

8.32 A Kitchley Programme.

9.0 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 Studio—"To-night We Present".

A Record Review arranged by John Abbott.

9.45-10.0 News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 Berlioz—"King Lear" Overture, Op. 4.

The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra conducted by Sir Adrian Boult.

10.0 London—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 Short Piano Recital by Arthur Schnabel.

Evocation (Albeniz); Cordoba (Albeniz); Navarra (Albeniz).

10.30 Paul Robeson (Bass) and The Boston Promenade Orchestra.

11.0 London—"War Correspondent".

11.15 "Close Down."

A.R.P. For Cities of United States

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (UP).—Mayor Fiorella LaGuardia of New York in his capacity as Chairman of the Office of Civilian Defense, today asked Congress for authority to provide American cities with facilities, supplies and services adequate to cope with any bombing attacks.

He advised the Speaker of the House, Mr. Sam Rayburn, of the necessity for such steps, saying: "Apparently many cities and areas of the United States are particularly susceptible to such bombing attacks," but were unable locally to install protective devices.

The proposed bill authorizes gas masks, fire equipment, medical supplies, protective clothing and schools for instruction.

Full Preparedness For Philippines

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (UP).—In an interview with the "United Press" today, Representative Warren Mangunson of the House Naval Affairs Committee, said that he favoured bringing the Philippines to the fullest point of preparedness in view of the uncertain situation in the Pacific.

He asserted that he would support a \$50,000,000 fund for strengthening the defenses of the Commonwealth and similar measures.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

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H.K. Banks \$.....1,480 b.
H.K. Banks £.....78 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £.....85 n.
Chartered Banks £.....97 1/2 n.
Mercantile A. & B. £.....117 1/2 n.
Mercantile C. £.....23 1/2 n.
East Asia \$.....70 n.

INSURANCES

Canton Ins. \$.....240 b.
Union Ins. \$.....442 1/2 n.
China Underwriters \$.....1 n.
H.K. Fire Ins. \$.....187 1/2 n.

SHIPPING

Douglas \$.....120 n.
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Indo-China P. \$......00 n.
Indo-China D. \$......70 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-.....55/- n.
Waterboats \$......05 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves \$......90 s.
Docks \$.....10 1/2 s.
Providents \$.....7 1/2 s.
Shul Dockyards \$.....38 1/2 n.

MINING

Kallan s/-.....15/0 n.
Raubs \$......2 cts n.
H.K. Mines......2 cts n.

LANDS

Hotels \$.....430 s.
Lands \$.....30 1/2 n.
Lands 4% Debentures.....97 1/2 n.
Shal Lands Sh. \$.....3 1/4 n.
Humphreys \$......8 n.
H.K. Realities \$.....4.05 s.
Chinese Estates \$.....100 b.

UTILITIES

Trams \$.....18 s.
Peak Trams (old) \$.....7 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$.....3 1/4 n.
Star Ferries \$......51 1/2 n.
Y. Ferries \$.....24 b.
China Lights (old) x. rts 23 1/2 sa.
China Lights (new) \$.....2.55 n.
H.K. Electric (old) x. rts 23 1/2 sa.
H.K. Electric (new) \$.....23 sa.
Macao Electric \$.....12.80 b.
Sandakan Lights \$.....13.10 n.
Telephones (old) \$......25 sa.
Telephones (new) \$......30 b.

INDUSTRIALS

Cald: Macg. (Ord.) Sh. \$.....45 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pref.) Sh. \$.....35 n.
Cantor: Ices \$......1 n.
Cement: \$......10 1/2 n.
H.K. Rubber \$.....10 1/2 sa.

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms \$.....19 1/2 sa.
Watsons \$.....13.60 b.
Lane Crawford \$.....6.30 b.
Sinceres \$......2 1/2 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$.....30 n.
Wm. Powell Ltd. \$.....1.85 b.

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H.K. Govt 4%.....101 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1934).....90 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% (1940).....98 n.
Ch. Govt 5% 1925 G\$Bds.....43 n.
Entertainments (old) \$......0.90 b.
Constructions (old) \$......13 1/2 b.
Constructions (new)......80 cts n.
Vibro Piling \$.....7.20 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/-.....7/0 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/-.....1/0 n.

Vichy Provoking An Uprising

Within Four Months

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—A "United Press" dispatch of September 22 states that Arthur Lescaze, former propagandist for the French Government, arriving in the United States, said that a revolution would break out throughout France "within four months."

He also stated that the execution of the so-called Communists in reprisal for the attacks on Nazi soldiers would accelerate and not retard the uprising.

Some U.S. Marines Leave Tientsin

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

TIENTSIN, Sept. 24 (UP).—The United States Marine establishment here has been reduced by more than half by the departure on the transport Henderson for Cavite and the United States with approximately 50 Marines. A small detachment likewise proceeded to Peking leaving less than 50 men at Tientsin.

TO-MORROW AT THE KING'S THE YEAR'S GREATEST THRILL... AS TWO WORLD-FAMOUS HUNTERS STALK EACH OTHER!

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The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—Yunnan, Szechuen, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien (except Amoy and Kiangsu), Kwangsi, North and East of Kwangtung.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD AIR MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 20th September.....Sept. 27.

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 20th September.....Oct. 7.

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♦ J 7 6 5 4
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♠ A Q 8
♥ A Q 8 6 4
♦ A 10 8
♣ K 9 2

♠ 7 2
♥ A K J 8 6 2
♦ K Q
♣ A 8

"I sat North with that horrible

men. The bidding gaily proceeded:
South West North East
1♣ Pass Pass 1NT
2♥ Pass Pass 2♠
3♥ Pass Pass 3♠
Pass Pass Pass

"Obviously, my dear partner cared nothing about my pass to one heart; he was sure he could take nine tricks all by himself!

"West opened the spade jack. East won with the ace and returned the queen and eight. Declarer ruffed and led the king of diamonds. East won and led back a diamond. Now, instead of leading low to the heart, ten, thereby insuring against two heart losers, declarer cashed the ace and king, probably hoping to drop the queen and nine! Disappointed in this, and availing to the probability that, considering East's bidding, the suit would not break, dear partner now shifted to the club queen. East won and made a return for which declarer should have been very grateful, namely, a diamond. But did my partner grasp the chance

to shorten his own trump suit by ruffing? He did not! He chucked his low club. Dummy's diamond jack won and another diamond was led, probably with the naive hope that East would ruff and allow South to overruff. East did not oblige, however; he discarded a club. Declarer let go the club ace but then, when dummy's last diamond was led, East discarded another club, declarer had to ruff. After which he had to concede two tricks to East's queen-nine of trumps.
"Of course, East made a bad play by leading the third diamond instead of a club. How simple it should have been for declarer to ruff that diamond, enter dummy with a low club to the jack and run diamonds until East was forced to ruff. In this way, it would have been a cinch to shut out the nine of trumps and thereby recoup from the original error of leading out the ace and king of trumps.
"Why is it the very players who bid their heads off usually manage to lose an extra trick in the play? J.F.G., New York."

I'm afraid I don't know the answer to J.F.G.'s question, and any other comment by me would be redundant.

To-morrow's Hand

♠ 7 10 8
♥ 9 6
♦ 8 6 3
♣ A J 9 8

♠ 8 5 2
♥ 10 7 3 2
♦ A Q
♣ 10 6 3 2

♠ A Q 6
♥ A Q J 8
♦ 9 6 2
♣ K 6 4

West opens the spade jack against three notrump. What card should declarer play and why?

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWERS TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS

1—Chinese dynasty
2—Place in music
3—Monumental figure
4—Foolish-minded
5—Kind of flower
6—Cut away sliver of, dog's forehead
7—Historical
8—Vehicles of war
9—Earthen
10—French: before
11—Writing style
12—Politeness
13—Native of Scandinavian country
14—Line of decimal system
15—"Portentous"
16—Small brass
17—Inexpressive
18—Look after
19—"Feathering" device
20—Make angry
21—Covering for feet
22—Make fatigued
23—Have before events
24—"Utter gaspingly"
25—"Embankment" beside river
26—Hitting of court
27—Most fine
28—Unity
29—"Office of ship
30—Eating utensil
31—Bring little by little
32—"Pretzel" half
33—"Acquisition of considerable extent
34—Make speech
35—Live cut

DOWN

1—General killed in late Spanish war
2—One who sails
3—"Former Governor of Maryland"
4—"Tale"
5—"Trolley car"
6—"Gaelic language"
7—"One who sails"
8—"Former Governor of Maryland"
9—"Tale"
10—"Trolley car"
11—"Gaelic language"
12—"One who sails"
13—"Former Governor of Maryland"
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15—"Trolley car"
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30—"Trolley car"
31—"Gaelic language"
32—"One who sails"
33—"Former Governor of Maryland"
34—"Tale"
35—"Trolley car"

COUNT THE "TELEGRAPHS" EVERYWHERE

London's theatres are under fire, but THE SHOW GOES ON

By Sidney Horniblow

Bombs may fall, but the curtain goes up as usual. London's theatres are true to their tradition. Whatever happens the show goes on. The black-out has closed down on the lights which flashed their names, so the stars twinkle while the sun shines.

Matinees take place almost as usual, but evening shows are earlier. The audience gets home well before dark. Nobody is afraid of bombs in the day-time now, so the "house-full" boards go up just at the time that we would be dressing for dinner in the palmy days of peace.

No tails and tuxedos in the stalls. No ermine and orchids on gleaming white shoulders. But the house is full and the laughs ring loud. Comedy is the order of the day. Half the shows in London now are gay revues. There are three or four spectacular "musicals" and more are on the way to catch the cheers before the dark nights come again.

These big bright shows raised a puzzle for the Board of Trade chiefs when they announced clothes rationing in June. One revue alone takes 800 dresses, which only last six or seven months.

The ballet wear out 30 pairs of shoes a week.

Film and stage producers appealed for concessions. No one expected such a sweeping order as the general clothes rationing to go through without some adjustments being necessary. And have not the cinemas and theatres proved their worth as wartime tonics?

You might almost say they are essential wartime services. They pay the Government well. One show alone turns in £1,200 a week in entertainment tax.

The box-office takings show how much they are in demand. Cinema attendances are up on sunny spring evenings. The moon influences the money. Before the heavy blitzes came, and before old ladies got used to the black-out, business was best on moonlight nights. Now the moon is likely to bring the bombers, so dark nights swell the box-office takings.

And no miserable pictures please! Comedy, and gay romance are tops; though we don't mind a good real life picture or even a war film if it is well done, and packed with heroes.

If a real air raid begins before the show is over, the audience can be heroes too. During a tense love scene the roof spotters may flash down the message, "German planes approaching."

The audience are in another world. The clamour of war outside cannot distract the

rapt attention of the house. The manager slips out from the wings. "I'm sorry to interrupt," he says, "but an air raid's just started. We shall carry on with the show, but, of course, you can leave if you wish."

A warden in the nine-pennies and a doctor in the circle pick up their steel helmets and go out to duty. The rest of the audience settle in their seats and the show goes on.

When war began, every cinema and theatre in London was ordered to close until further notice. We expected then to be bombed day and night from the word "go." The weeks went by but Goering, it seems, was not ready, so gradually the order was relaxed. The cinemas opened in the day-time only. Here and there a theatre came back to life. Gradually the shows got later, and now it is "business as usual, bombs permitting."

May and June in peace-time were always the peak-months of the London season. They have been the brightest for the show business in this year of war 1941. Our "double summer-time" as we call it (putting the clock on two hours ahead of sun-time in the summer) gives us long refreshing-evenings-to-make up for lost sleep and shorter holidays. The longer the evenings, the later the shows, and more of them.

We have not as many theatres open this time as we had in the last war. Many have been bombed, including the famous Theatre Royal Drury Lane, headquarters of ENSA, the troops' entertainment organisation.

What an escape for the "Lane" of treasured memor-

ies! The Royal Box was undamaged except for a small piece of plaster which was knocked off. Every King of England since Charles II has sat in that box.

The dressing rooms of David Garrick and Mrs Siddons, Garrick's famous mirror, and Sheridan's room where he wrote "The School for Scandal", are all intact.

Show business in the Provinces, in Liverpool and Blackpool and Glasgow and Birmingham, has more than made up for the bomb-blanks in London's theatre list. Takings in the country towns are double the pre-war figures.

People who hardly ever get the chance of coming to London have been able to see famous actors and actresses they would never have seen but for the war. The British stage is reviving the great touring tradition of Irving and Tree and Terry and Benson.

We may get round soon, to those riotous revues of the last war with their rollicking choruses sung by every soldier from England to the East. It is the chorus girls who need finding these days. They are either entertaining the troops, or in uniform themselves.

But, whatever the difficulties the theatre carries on. It is nearly 300 years since anything happened to shut it down in Britain. When the Civil War began in 1642 the Lords and Commons published an ordinance which commanded that "while these sad causes and calamities of humiliation do continue public stage plays shall cease and be forbore."

A brief setback, but apart from this the theatre has not only kept going, it has bravely flourished in adversity.

The wars of ancient Greece did not stop Sophocles and Euripides and Aeschylus from writing their immortal plays, nor did they stop performances.

In the year of Waterloo famous stars played in "Romeo and Juliet" at London's Covent Garden.

In the last great war the theatre carried on its gay good work. It still carries on, however grim the terror from the skies, and Shakespeare gives the cue: "Is there no play to ease the anguish of a torturing hour?"

STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary, issued yesterday is:

Buyers
H.K. Banks \$1480
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Electrics "N" \$22.75
Electrics "O" \$12.50
Macao Electric \$18
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Telephones "N" \$9 1/4
Cements \$16.85
Watsons \$13 1/2
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Providents \$7.50
Hotels \$4.30
Realities \$4.10
Trams \$18

Sales
Docks \$19 1/4
Providents \$7.40
Hotels \$4.25
Trams \$18
Electrics "N" \$23
Macao Electric \$18 1/2
Electrics "O" \$25
Ropes \$10 1/2
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The next of the series of Variety Entertainments which is being arranged by Mr. David Kossick, on behalf of the Services Section of the Y.M.C.A., is due to take place at the Sailor's Home and Seamen's Institute, Gloucester Road, at 8.30 this evening. A hearty welcome is extended to Merchant Seamen and all members of H.M. Forces, to whom admission will be free.

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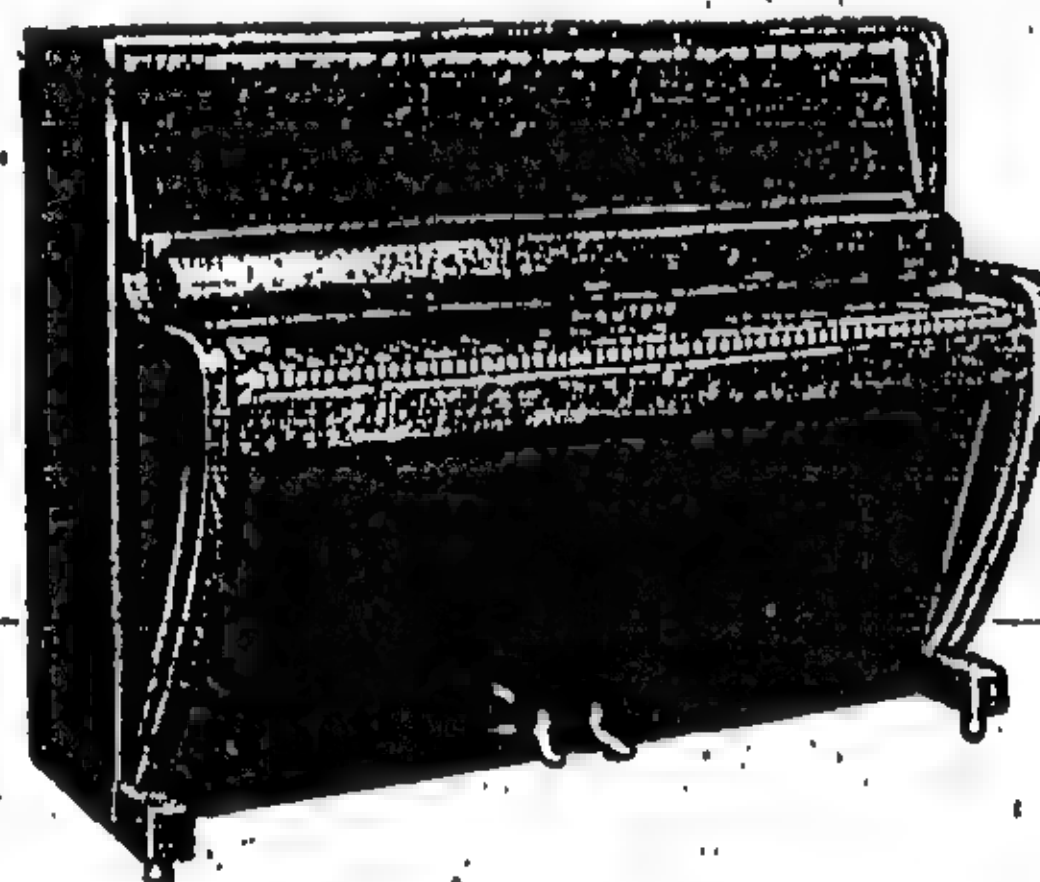
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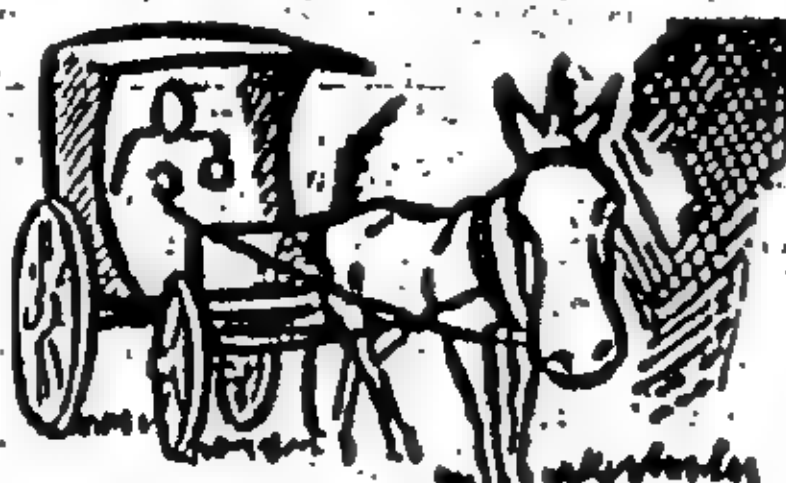
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GENTLE REMINDER

LETTERS from Home, the regular calling up of women and men of advanced ages, pictures like "The Ramparts we Watch", the daily newspaper reports each telling of so many persons who have given their lives for a Cause; these must spasmodically give the Hongkong conscience a painful twinge. Isolated as we are, literally an outpost of Empire, Hongkong has so far escaped all but the minor nuisances of warfare. The war that is ravaging China has left our borders intact; the war that Britain is waging for life and death has not tapped our man-power or depleted our tables. We pay a little more and we get what we have always had: the best that the Far East can offer. Volunteers chafing under a monotonous routine have not the satisfaction of knowing that we are actively defending a vital link in the Empire chain: ours is but a listening post, a profit-making door that must be kept open so long as it pays, a prestige port, a nerve that will warn the huge body of the approach of danger.

Hongkong people have read with something like amazement of elderly parents out on fire-spotting duty, all night or giving manual service to defence works. The contrast is often painful. It makes our own grievances seem rather small.

Secluded as we thus are from actual hostilities we can yet throw ourselves more heartily into our mission here: keeping ourselves as strong as we can to throw a big stumbling block into the path of any aggressor; contributing as lavishly as possible to the war and cultivating the goodwill of China. But it must be conceded that our ways are largely ordered by the Government. Hongkong must be kept a going concern and our job is to obey orders.

Meanwhile "Ramparts we Watch" touched more emotions than pockets; the Bomber Fright has been sluggish lately. It does not seem that Hongkong is fully showing its gratitude for being left in peace by giving generously to those who are fighting our war, both Chinese and Europeans. It would not be inopportune to repeat what was previously advocated: Give till it hurts.

How The Soviet Press Works

By JOHN SCOTT

ALMOST 9,000 newspapers attracting the attention of the in 70 different languages outside world at all. It is done are published in the Soviet very simply. A Tass dispatch Union daily. Their total date-lined Stockholm, and often circulation in 1939 was 47, undated, is published through- 920,000. This vast propaganda out the Soviet Press. It quotes organisation takes orders lengthily from an obscure Por- from the Press Bureau of tuguise newspaper, to the effect the Central Committee of the that British circles in Madrid Communist Party, and is mono- expect Spain to do this and lithically official in its treatment of foreign affairs and of all ma- send such dispatches to its jor internal issues. foreign clients, and any Moscow correspondent who tries to re- port it gets called down (as I have been myself on occasion), even if the piece is passed by the Soviet censor.

Regularly when there is a conference or a congress and the Kremlin leaders deliver speeches, the entire Soviet Press publishes the texts in full for several days, to the exclu- sion of other news.

Local papers, of which there are nearly four thousand, differ from the central newspapers only in the inferior quality of the printing and the fact that local news is presented con- spicuously.

The most important Soviet newspapers are: "Pravda," or- gan of the Central Committee of the Communist Party, circulation something over two million daily; "Izvestia," organ of the Presidium of the Supreme So- viet, circulation 1,660,000; "Trud," organ of the Central Council of the Trade Unions, circulation about half a million. In addition to its many news- papers, the Soviet Press and propaganda machine publishes 1,880 periodicals with a com- bined circulation of 250 million copies.

The Soviet Press is well directed. There are a dozen world commentators on foreign af- fairs. Theirs are the only ar- ticles on international affairs which appear in the Soviet Press.

Tass is very skilful. Often more important statements are made people's troubles the less one tends to worry about one's own.

Tass dispatches from abroad sometimes go into the most ex- travagant details on certain matters. I have before me, for instance, a 1,500-word Tass dis- patch cabled from London and published in all the central and provincial Soviet papers on February 21, 1941. It de- scribes in detail the new ration- ing in Britain. It paints a very gruelling picture. All efforts are made to let the Soviet public know how very badly off other people are, and to drum into the Soviet man-in-the-street that he is the happiest, the most pros- perous individual in the wide world.

This is an expedient policy, as the lot of the average Rus- sian wage-earner with his 285 to 300 roubles average monthly wage, is by no means easy. The more one hears about other people's troubles the less one tends to worry about one's own.

Fifth-Storey Jack the Sergeant.

Another Episode
in the

PRIVATE LIFE OF A PRIVATE

WHEN Sergeant Fireplug walks through camp, fellow-sergeants sometimes call after him, "Fifth-Storey Jack!" and "Fireman save my child!" and "Ting-a-ling-a-ling," and similar expressions of badinage.

He is a burly, formidable man, with a Charlie Chaplin moustache. His duty lies in the little red hut where the fire-engines are housed.

He trains the Fire Pickets. If anything catches alight, it is his duty to put it out at the double.

Every soldier in his time learns something about putting fires out. One week in five or six, a company has to do the dirty work of the battalion—spud-bashing, coal-heaving, guard duty, swabbing, fire-fight- ing, and so on.

"LISTEN" Inevitably, one falls into the immense hands of Sergeant Fireplug.

He lines us up, and calls the roll.

"Now listen," he says. "Every man in this battalion comes here once in a while for about five seconds, and I'm expected to teach him how to be a skilled ruddy fireman."

"No sooner do I teach a man the first thing about fire-engines than he's taken away, and another mug" (Oh, blimey) takes his place.

"Now pay attention: You pe good boys while you're on fire- picket with me, and you'll get on all right. Start anything I wish you'd never been born."

"Now every man on this en- gine has a job to do. So?" "Be quiet. I don't like you good boys while you're on fire- picket with me, and you'll get on all right. Start anything I wish you'd never been born."

follow his movements, and dead accurately.

"There's a Number One, a Number Two, a Number Three, and

"A Number Four," says The Lad from the Elephant and Castle.

"That's right," says Sergeant Fireplug pleasantly surprised, and "Now these men have got to fix the hose, run it out, join it up, and get the engine going, so rapidly that startled hares look like

"Snails," says the Lad.

"I'LL SHOW YOU"

"Shullup, you! Slugs. Star- tled hares look like slugs, great fat slugs. Furthermore, the hose has got to be run without kinks, dead flat, so straight that a white road line looks like a

"Corkscrew," says the Lad.

"Silence, you little beast, you! Like a snake with colic.

"You will report here at eight every morning.

"You will do an hour or so of fire-drill at eleven. You will report again at five, and when- ever there is an Alert. You will stand by after dark.

"You will also, for the dura- tion of this week, all be confined to barracks. Oh, there's no need to start muttering.

"Now I am going to show you the extremely ruddy simple parts of this beautiful engine, and, having outlined to you your respective jobs, I am going to drill you at them until you are so black in the face that a Negro will look like

"Ann Sheridan," says the Lad. "Be quiet. I don't like you good boys while you're on fire- picket with me, and you'll get on all right. Start anything I wish you'd never been born."

"Now every man on this en- gine has a job to do. So?" "Be quiet. I don't like you good boys while you're on fire- picket with me, and you'll get on all right. Start anything I wish you'd never been born."

HE WHO PLAYS WITH FIRE

By Billiken



The Destroyer and the Tanker

By WALTER LIPPMANN

in the "New York Herald-Tribune"

IT is a curious coincidence, if with Russia. In fact Japan not only has treaty with Russia pedges should have been fired at which guarantees freedom of an American destroyer in the access to Vladivostok but she Atlantic on the very day that an has also a very recently signed American oil tanker arrived in treaty with Russia, promising Vladivostok across the Pacific, not to go to war with Russia. The last time an American ship was attacked—the case of the Roblin Moor—it just happened that the pressure on Marshal Petain to accept full collabora- tion was reaching its climax. On the evidence available, it may be assumed that the attack on the U. S. Greer was, if not a mistake by the submarine commander, then an incident intended to incite Japan to aggressive action. There is as yet no evidence that Hitler himself wants just now to go to war with the United States over Iceland or anything else.

They themselves, having been actively at war with China for four years, feel aggrieved when we reduce our shipments of war supplies to Japan. Yet, though they are not at war with Rus- sia, they ask us to do—to Rus- sia acts which when done by us to belligerent Japan, have evoked outcries and reprisals. Then to top it all, they sug- gest that we come to a new agreement with them based upon their violation of their treaties and on our betrayal of China, the Netherlands, Britain, and Russia. What faith do they think we could put in an agreement which originated in such faithlessness?

It goes without saying that the United States will not be provoked by incidents or intimidated and deterred by incidents. We are in Iceland by agreement with the government of Iceland; The Axis has no shadow of a claim on Iceland, and our right to a free passage to Iceland, un- molested by illegal naval opera- tions, is indisputable.

Our need to exercise these rights as a measure of national self-defence is no less certain. An outpost near enough to Europe is essential to the Navy if it is to guard against surprise attack; even if it were true that the Western Hemisphere, or North America, can be defended by the Navy and by bombers, outposts to signal the approach of the enemy—and thus to give time to assemble the defences—are absolutely necessary.

On the ultimate ground of national self-interest and na- tional self-defence, Iceland is as necessary as Alaska, Guam and Hawaii.

Therefore, we are bound to re- main in Iceland as long as the Axis threatens to unite all of Europe in one vast aggressive empire. Remaining in Iceland, the new we are bound to hold the seas open as we hold open the sea to other American outposts, and if the Japanese government wants their vital communications are to scrap that treaty along with attacked, to repel the attack.

The position of the northern strongholds and therefore, that a Pacific is no less a vital interest founded Japan is not a war of the United States.

Fair Warning to Finns Is Given by Britain

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Reports that Britain had told Finland that if she continued to invade, purely Russian territory it would be necessary for Britain to treat Finland as an open enemy now and when peace had come were confirmed in London to-day.

It was added that if Finland ceased fighting and withdrew her troops to her original frontiers as they existed before the Russo-Finnish war, Britain would be ready to see whether relations between the two countries could be improved.

The suggestion of M. Tanner, the Finnish Minister of Commerce, that the Finnish war against Russia could be separated from the war as a whole is not regarded as a possibility in authoritative circles in London.

U.S. Strike Off

NEW YORK, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The Seafarers' International Union has called off its 11-day strike pending the outcome of negotiations between the ship owners and the National Defence Mediation Board.

Mediation Bears Fruit
NEW YORK, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—President Roosevelt's statement yesterday that merchantmen tied up in ports by labour disputes "have got to move" is apparently bearing fruit. The Seafarers' International Union called membership meetings this morning to discuss the release of 25 tied-up vessels which in the words of the Union leader, Mr. John Hawk, was "the sensible thing to do."

Mr. Hawk advised putting men back on board the ships, releasing the vessels and then "letting the Mediation Board handle the disputes." Sailors of the Union of the Pacific which had tied up three vessels in the New York harbour, announced that their membership had voted on release of the vessels at 5 p.m. G.M.T.

British Tanks Rushed Out To Aid Red Army

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Throughout Britain tanks are rolling out for Soviet Russia. Hundreds and hundreds are being assembled and armed in a ceaseless flow. All previous records are being smashed. Women are taking a leading part in this gigantic British effort on behalf of "Tanks For Russia Week."

A Ministry of Supply official told "Reuter" that one large factory in South Wales had already turned out more guns for tanks than was ever believed possible in the time.

Excellent Reports

Reports reaching the Ministry of Supply to-day from factories in all parts of the country show that the tank output for the first three days of the "Tanks For Russia Week" has increased by 50 per cent. over the corresponding period of a month ago.

Disturbances In Argentine

Move Sponsored By Nazi Elements

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 24 (UP).—Deputy Raul Taborda to-day charged that the abortive army and air force subversive movement in the Argentine was "another Nazi attempt to seize control of the Government through Quiltings."

He said that all bombs and machine-guns have been removed from all military planes. He accused Generals Juan Molina and Benhamin Menendez with complicity in the movement. At least five air force officers have been arrested.

Mexico City Demonstration
MEXICO CITY, Sept. 24 (UP).—Authorities are investigating the possibility that Axis elements might have incited the demonstration leading to last night's shooting outside the Mexican President's house in which at least fourteen were killed and fifteen wounded.

Union officials predicted that a crisis may result between the Government and labour.

Death Abroad Of Chinese Envoy

Buried at Geneva

GENEVA, Sept. 24 (Central News).—The funeral was held here on Monday of the late Chinese Minister to Poland, Dr. Wang King-wei, who died of cancer last month.

Madame Wang, her son and daughter and leaders of the Chinese community here including the Chinese Minister to Switzerland, Dr. Victor Hoo Shih-tsai, the Chinese Judge in the International Court of Justice, Dr. F. T. Cheng, and General Wei Yung-ching who until recently was Military Attache to Berlin, participated in the ceremony.

The late Minister left Warsaw during the German-Polish war in 1939, travelling by way of Germany, Belgium and France. He was wounded en route during an air raid. It is learned that Madame Wang and her family are shortly leaving for China via the United States.

Missions In Moscow

MOSCOW, Sept. 24 (UP).—The Anglo-American Missions have arrived in Moscow.

Conference Of Allies Adheres To U.S.-British Declaration

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The Inter-Allied Conference unanimously affirmed as a common aim that supplies of food and materials will be made available for the post-war needs of the countries liberated from Nazi oppression.

M. Paul Spaak, the Belgian Prime Minister, afterwards proposed the following resolution: "The Governments of Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Luxembourg, the U.S.S.R. and Yugoslavia and representatives of General de Gaulle, leader of the Free French, having taken note of the declaration recently drawn up by the President of the U.S.A. and the Prime Minister of Britain, Mr. Winston Churchill, on behalf of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, now make known their adherence to the common principles of policy set forth in the declaration and their intention to co-operate to the best of their ability in giving effect to them."

Mr. Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, explained that the preamble to the resolution made no mention of His Majesty's Government or the Governments of Canada, Australia, the Dominions and South Africa because these governments were already associated with the declaration.

Mr. Eden said that the resolution expressed the general aims for which they were fighting. It was his conviction that approval by the Allied Council of the declaration would add greatly to its influence and encourage the Allied forces now gathered together to defeat Germany.

Czechoslovakia
M. Jan Masaryk, the Czech Foreign Minister, accepting the resolution on behalf of Czechoslovakia, said that the Czechs-Slovaks who escaped Hitler and were enjoying the hospitality of Britain were stirred by the meeting of President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill. The eight points they were equally important in their political and economic significance. They were the correct process in achieving a better world for our children after the final victory.

Small Nations

Any hope of agreement with Nazi Germany and vulgarizing goose-stepping Prussianism was a futile dream. Only after the destruction of this could we establish peace that all men in all lands would live out their lives in freedom from fear and want. Even when the total disarmament of nations who periodically resorted to aggression in attack and defence was accomplished, the defensive position of nations who, like Czechoslovakia, had for long been victims of aggression, would have to be considered.

Mr. Masaryk continued, "Within the future economic structure of the world as outlined by the Churchill-Roosevelt Declaration, small nations like Czechoslovakia, by access to their fair share of raw materials, will be given an opportunity as equals to reconstruct in co-operation with their neighbours quickly and permanently their devastated economic life. The Czechoslovak government are more than ever convinced that the closer co-operation becomes between Britain and America the greater will be the future safety of those who to-day

Help For Russia

Mr. Masaryk hoped that the co-operation would be particularly quick in giving all possible assistance to Soviet Russia.

On behalf of Greece, Mr. Tsouderos approved the resolution.

Mr. Joseph Béch, for Luxembourg, said his government gave adherence to the Roosevelt-Churchill declaration.

Netherlands
Dr. E. N. van Kleffens, the Netherlands Foreign Minister, said that the words "with due respect for their existing obligations" in Point 4 of the Atlantic Charter (dealing with equal access to trade and materials) appeared to be in the nature of reservation.

Existing obligations should not be perpetuated if they would seriously impair or diminish the effect of the Charter. At the end of the last war the same principle found solemn expression in almost identical terms, he said, and they all knew what became of it when the snowball of protection was set rolling until it became so large that it was a serious obstacle in the path of international trade.

An Earnest Hope
The Netherlands Government expressed the earnest hope to see trade barriers removed and discriminatory treatment in international commerce abolished. A serious effort would be made to that end for the ultimate benefit of all nations.

Dr. van Kleffens said that on behalf of the Netherlands Government, he was happy to express adherence to the principles of the Atlantic Charter because it was their conviction that these principles, properly applied, would go far to advance a better international order which would bring to all countries international and national security and prosperity.

Poland's Views
The Polish Minister, Count Edward Raczyński, said he hoped the Charter would be fully applied and the activities of certain nations that had taken advantage of present circumstances would not be forgotten. Poland which was the first victim of the German aggressor and which had still rejected German proposals of collaboration would not be forgotten.

He was confident too, that Poland would not be allowed to emerge from the war with reduced territory but would see that her frontiers assured an economic development worthy of the numbers of her population. He endorsed very strongly the fundamental principles of the Atlantic Charter.

Pool of Resources

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The duty of all free countries to organise in good time an initial pool of resources for use in the transition from war to peace was stressed by Mr. Anthony Eden at to-day's resumption of the Allied Conference at St James's Palace, London.

Mr. Eden proposed a resolution dealing with practical steps which must be taken in order to provide for the supply of necessities to occupied countries as soon as the German oppressors had been removed. It was in order to organise this action that the British Government had invited the Allied Governments and authorities to meet there that day. The preliminary work had already been done by a Ministerial Committee on export supplies.

European Needs
Another Committee under Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, Government Chief Economic adviser, had already begun to enquire into European needs.

The Netherlands Government had taken measures to build a store for their country, and the Polish and Belgian Governments had to prepare preliminary memoranda on their country's estimated requirements.

The Norwegian and Czech Governments were putting in hand preparation of corresponding memoranda.

Mr. Eden said that the framing and co-ordination of the estimates of the probable requirements was the first task. Such estimates must take into account the urgent needs in the first week after the Nazi yoke was lifted.

Re-organisation Period
Such estimates must further take into account the probable demands of European countries for supplies from overseas in order to restore their economies to working order after a period of reorganisation which is likely to last two years after the war.

Mr. Eden said that he would propose provision for the establishment of a bureau which would report to the "Inter-Allied Committee" under the Chairmanship of Sir Frederick Leith-Ross.

Stocks of certain essential food-stuffs were even now accumulated in

those parts of the world not directly ravaged by war. It was known that the United States Government was deeply interested in planning for the co-ordination of stocks and the marketing of some of the most important commodities, especially wheat and cotton.

Dutch Food Stocks
LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The point of view of the Netherlands Government with regard to the resolution adopted by the Inter-Allied Conference in London to-day on the subject of post-war feeding and relief in Europe was explained to "Reuter" to-day by an authoritative Netherlands spokesman.

"As is well-known," he said, "the Netherlands Government some time ago planned measures for re-stocking the Netherlands as soon as the yoke of German oppression has been cast off. Queen Wilhelmina, in a radio speech promised her people to take this task in hand."

Operations In U.S.A.
A Government executive in the extraordinary service appointed for this purpose is in New York and is making the necessary purchases and supervising the "bringing of these goods for the duration of the war."

"Although the Government have the greatest possible interest in this joint Allied task and will be prepared to exert all their powers to contribute their share to this work, the fact remains that plans on behalf of the Netherlands Motherland retain their particular attraction."

WAVELL'S FLYING TRIP TO LONDON

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—It is understood that General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief in India, has been on a visit to London where he had consultations with the Imperial General Staff.

General Wavell came by air and has now returned. During his visit to London he had several talks with Mr. Churchill, General Sir John Dill (Chief of Imperial General Staff) and other high British military officials. It is understood that the object of General Wavell's visit was to discuss various problems arising out of the situation in Russia and the Middle East.

Returns To India

LONDON, Sept. 24 (UP).—It is now authoritatively confirmed that General Sir Archibald Wavell has been in consultation with the Imperial General Staff and has been returned to India by plane.

General Wavell's swift series of secret conferences with Mr. Churchill, the Prime Minister, several members of the War Cabinet, the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, General Sir John Dill and other high military officials coincided with the growing fears that Germany may soon reach the oil fields in the Caucasus as well as the danger of the reported imminence of a Bulgarian attack on Turkey.

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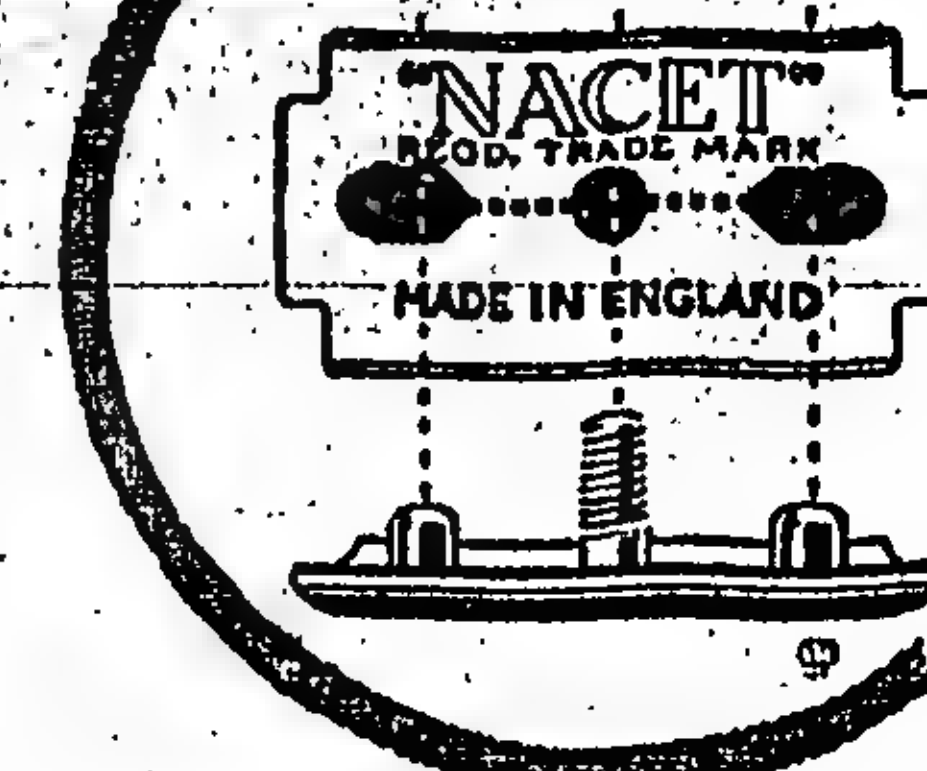
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"Well, it's all in a good cause. And now, get me a really big breakfast. And give the goldfish a double ration of ante eggs, just to celebrate their hairbreadth escape."
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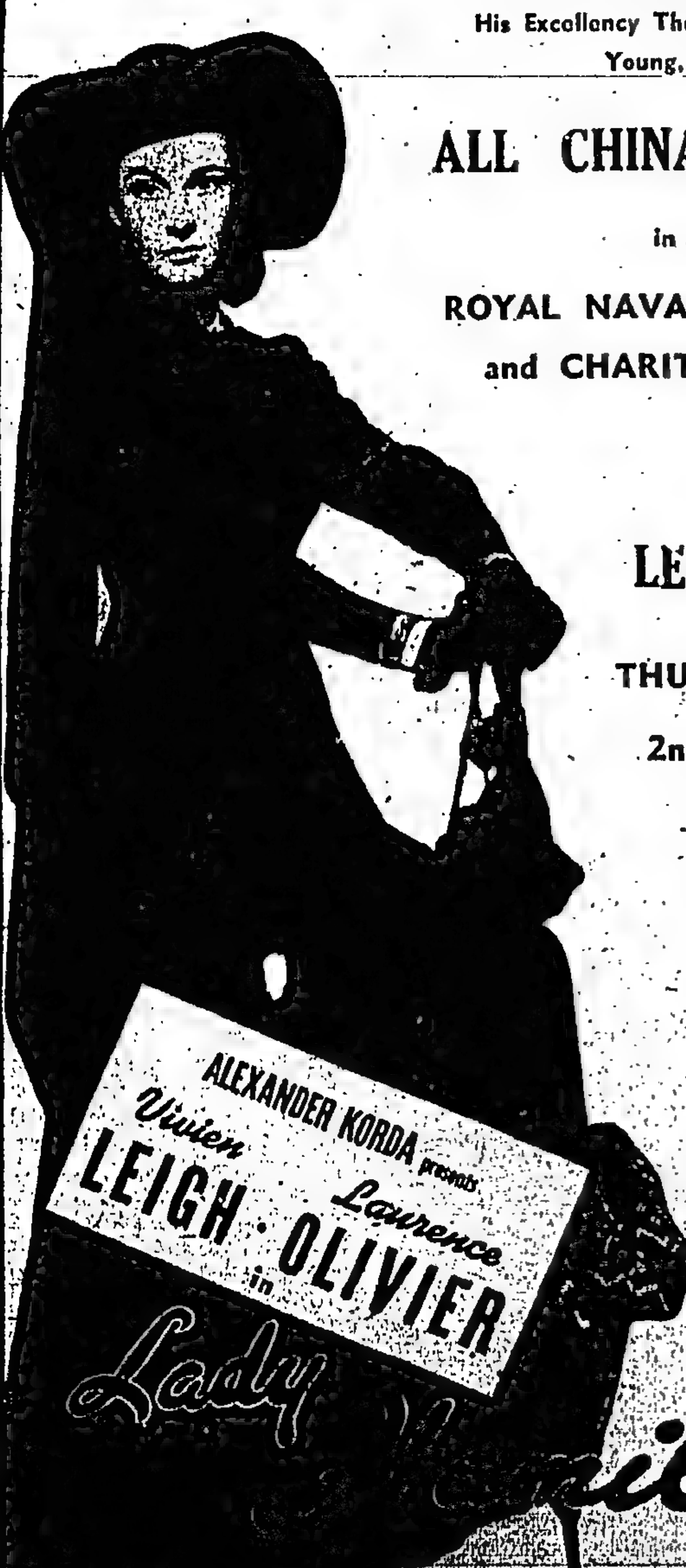
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K. Tong's Chance In Second Division

All-Important Match Against Kowloon F.C. On Saturday

Lawn Bowls

Pairs Champions Beaten By Solina And Omar

Lack of Practice

SHOWING a definite lack of practice, H. A. Alves and F. V. Ribeiro, Pairs champions of last year, were eliminated in the quarter-finals of this year's championship when they met S. R. Solina and K. M. Omar at the Kowloon B.G.C. yesterday. The Craigengower pair won by 21-12.

Solina and Omar deserved their victory for they were by far the better pair. The Recreio pair opened the scoring with a single, but the Valley combination scored a four on the 4th end through fine bowling by Omar, and from that moment to the end they were in the lead.

The champions total of 12 included seven singles, a 2 and a 3. This latter was registered on the 20th end, but when the Craigengower pair were in the lead.

Alves and Ribeiro had a bad spell over the middle ends when from the 9th to the 14th Solina and Omar chalked up a total of nine shots to make the score then 17-4.

Scores were:

Solina & Omar, 0, 2, 0, 4, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 3, 0, 1, 21.

Alves & Ribeiro, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 12.

Referees' Classes

The final lecture by the Hongkong Football Referees' Association on Rules from Nos. 1 to 17, will be given by Mr. Hugh A. Beard, Chairman, and Lieut. L. G. Crosby, Chairman of the Army Referees' Sub-Committee, at the Scandal Point Hall to-day at 7 p.m. An examination for Army and R.A.F. candidates will be held at the Scandal Point Hall on Monday, September 29 at 7 p.m.

SPORTS ADVT.

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THE SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER, 1941, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

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The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21020).

No children or animals will be admitted to either Enclosure.

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By Order,

S. A. SLEAP,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1941.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING "GOSFORD HANDICAP"

Saturday, 27th September, 1941.

In view of the number of entries received for the above it has been decided to divide the race into three sections.

The third section will be race No. 11 and run at 6.50 p.m.

A cash sweep, tickets \$1 each, will be held on this race, but "All through" numbers will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Race Course during the Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards,

S. A. SLEAP,

Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th September, 1941.

Pairs Semi-Finals On Sunday

FROM THE POINT OF VIEW of three teams in the First Division and seven in the Third, the League was over when they finished their matches last Saturday. But interest is as keen as ever in respect of the relegation problem in the First Division and the championships of the Second and Third Divisions.

Three teams are in danger of going down into the Second Division, these being Recreio "B", Kowloon B.G.C. "B" and Civil Service C.C.

Of the three, Recreio "B" are in the best position and can only be affected if they lose all five points in their last match of the season against Kowloon C.C. and if the Civil Servants win all five against Kowloon Docks.

The following are the standings of these three teams:

Recreio "B"	P	W	L	T	Pts.
Kowloon B.G.C. "B"	17	4	13	0	23 1/2
Civil Service	17	3	14	0	21

THE results of matches in the Second Division last week have ensured an extremely interesting ending to the championship. Kowloon Football Club, the leaders, won 4-1 against Hongkong C.C. and Kowloon Tong, the only team in a position to challenge the leaders, beat Tai Koo Docks on all three rinks.

Thus Kowloon Tong are now only two points behind Kowloon F.C. with the match between them to decide the championship. If Kowloon Tong can beat the Footballers by 4-1, they will snatch a last-minute success.

But this match will be decided on the Kowloon F.C. green and it will be a tall order for Kowloon Tong to keep the home side down to only one point. It should prove to be one of the best matches of the season in this division.

IN the Third Division, Kowloon Bowling Green Club kept their noses in front of the Police R.C. by going to Happy Valley last week and beating the guardians of the peace by four points to one.

With the Indians—who were still in the running—taking only half a point from Hongkong Electric, the position in this section is that the Police need only two points in their last game of the season—against Kowloon F.C. at Chai Wan Road—to clinch the championship. The Indians' best hope of keeping abreast of these two teams was to beat Hongkong Electric by five points to nil. Considering that the Electricians occupy the cellar position in the League Table, the task was not as formidable as some might have imagined. But weakened by the absence of three players, including two regular skips, the Indians were not equal to the occasion.

AS to be expected, Craigengower C.C., the new champions of the First Division, won on all three rinks against Kowloon B.G.C. "B".

Having already won the title, the only interest left for Craigengower in this match was whether U. M. Omar's rink could retain its 100 per cent. record.

Drawn against Jack McKelvie, Omar had to go all out to win and the fact that he had only two shots to spare at the end is sufficient testimony to the fight put up by McKelvie.

Dick Bass, No. 3 to Omar, enjoyed one of his better days in this match and it was due to a great extent to him that the rink kept its record intact.

AT Sookunpo, the Indians scored a clean sweep against Kowloon Docks, thus avenging the 4-1 defeat the latter inflicted on them at Hung Hom some weeks ago.

A. K. Mina just scraped through by three shots against A. Colman, while M. R. Abbas' rink—the same four who are in the final of the open championship—had to score on the last four heads to win by two shots. Malcolm Ferguson played a splendid game against Abbas, settling down to the green almost at once.

It was good to see Bob Craig turning out once again. Considering that he had been out of the game for so long, Craig—he used to play for the Kowloon C.C.—was quite good in his drawing to the back although the heaviness of the Sookunpo green found him short on a few occasions.

NOTICE that arrangements for playing off the rink final have not yet been made. It is reported that the Sub-Committee have decided to hold the match in absence and that it "will probably be played off within the next fortnight or so."

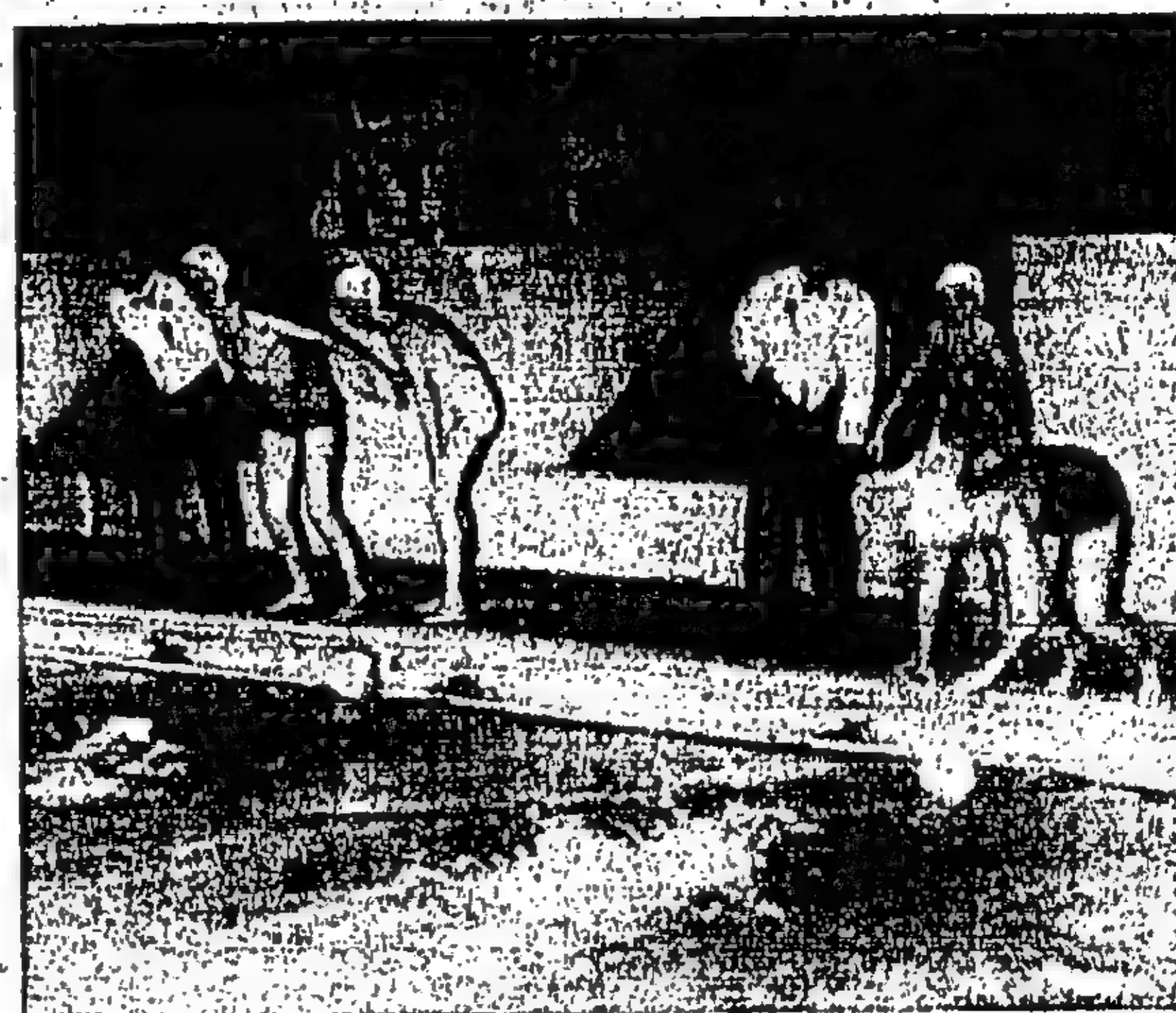
As it is already a fortnight since the semi-finals were played, this means that the finalists are to be left kicking their heels about for a month.

Between the quarter-finals and the semi-finals, there was a lapse of five weeks and now between

Enid Wilson's Eye Injured In Air Raid

Miss Enid Wilson, former woman golf champion, now serving as an officer in the W.A.A.F., has had her left eye injured in a recent air raid.

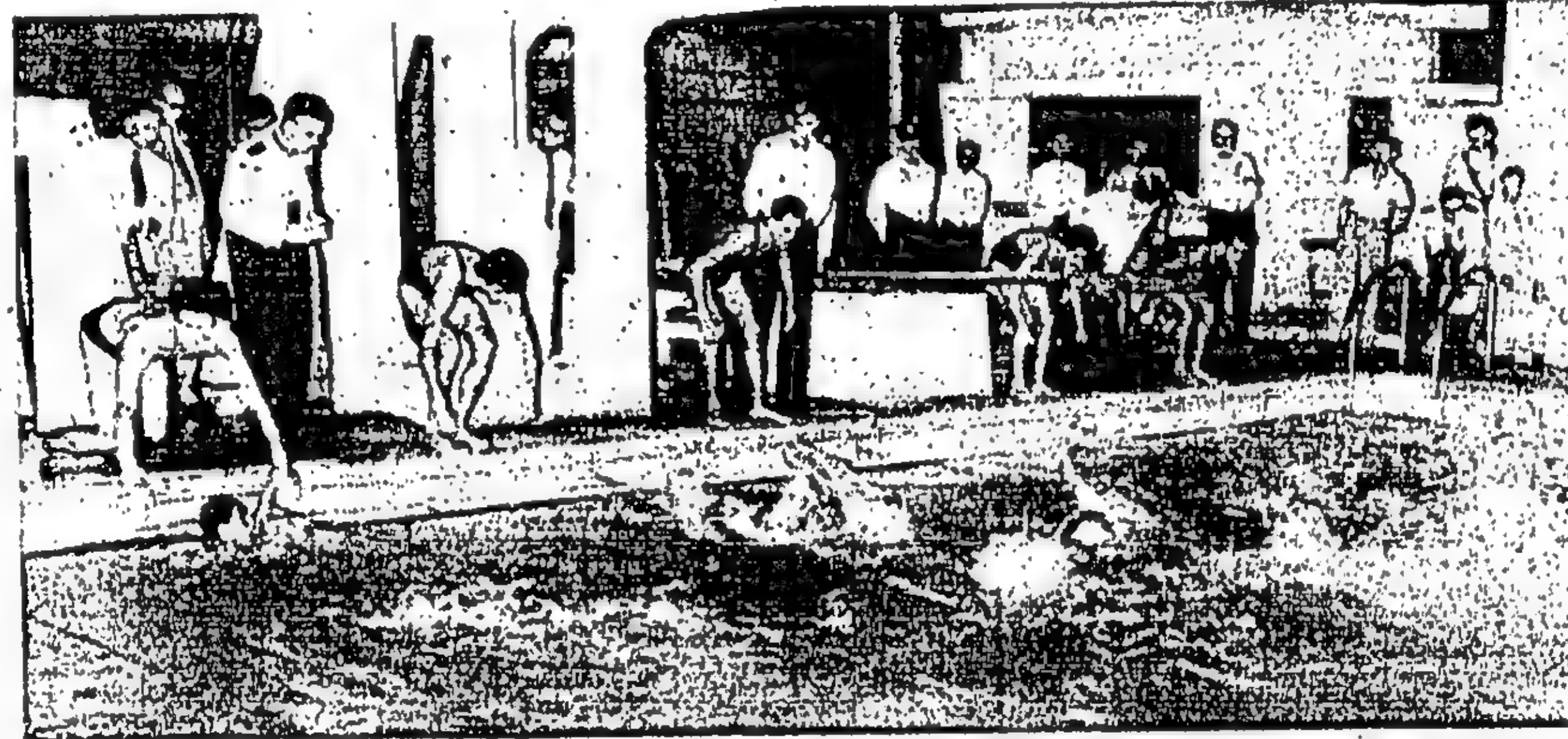
Although the extent of the injury gives cause for anxiety, the doctors hope that by treatment sight will be fully restored to this eye.



Volunteers Aquatic Meet

Top: The women's relay—Nursing Detachment v. A.R.P. Miss K. Grant taking off for the A.R.P. with Miss I. Grant taping, and to the right, Miss M. Booker being sent away by Mrs Mills for the Nursing Detachment.

Below: Second lap of the Volunteers Inter-Unit medley relay. W. S. Gegg (S/Units), D. Hutchinson (Mobile Column), T. Kew (Static Machine Guns), Marques (Portuguese Coy) and Yeung Yuk-wa (Artillery) taking over from the back-stroke men.—Ming Yuen.



Colony Swimming Championships Commence To-night

Three New Events On First Day's Programme

(By "Tinker")

CLOSE upon the heels of the Hongkong Chinese Swimming Championships are the Colony Championships, the first events of which are being held this evening at the Victoria Recreation Club pool.

The five events are the Men's 880 yards free-style, 220 back-stroke and 150 yards medley, and the women's 100 breast-stroke and 220 free-style.

Of these, three are new events, only the half-mile and the women's breast-stroke races have been held before, and though in all, the winners are more or less known, yet there will be interesting competition throughout.

The probable winners are:

880 yards free-style.—Chan Chun-nam.

220 yards back-stroke.—W. Lawrence.

150 yards medley.—Ng Nin.

100 breast-stroke.—Miss Li Po-luen.

220 yards free-style.—Miss V. Churn.

However, in the half mile, the opening event on the programme, Chan Chun-nam, present champion and holder of the record, will have to consider his younger colleagues Yau Sai-kwan and Lau Tai-ping—especially the former.

They have shown remarkable improvement during the winter, and Yau Sai-kwan has already shown it possible to beat Chan, though that was in the 220 yds free-style heats.

For the men's back-stroke, the heats times show Lawrence several seconds better than either of his challengers—Poon Wing-kai (Lai Tsun) and A. K. Rumsjohn. He should win to-night but there will be a grand battle for second place.

Ng Nin is the undoubted favourite for the men's 150 yards individual medley. Tsang Cheong-ming (Lai Tsun) the only other entrant for this new event is a formidable opponent, but there is no evading recognition of Ng Nin's superiority in both breast-stroke and free-style races.

Women's Events

NEITHER is there any question of the selected winners for the women's events. Miss Li Po-luen showed a three-second superiority over the next best time in the breast-stroke heats.

Cambridgeshire Candidates At Newmarket

NEWMARKET, Sept. 24 (Reuters).—The Swaffham Stakes over a mile and two furlongs was expected to provide a good test for several of the Cambridgeshire candidates, but for various reasons the field was one of only four runners, two of which have entered for the big race.

The race was won by Mrs James' Beausite, a filly by Bold Archer out of Orana, trained by Colling and ridden by Ephraim Smith.

The other Cambridgeshire candidate, Diadogue, Mr Vlasov's colt by Blandford out of Dulce, was third.

Prince Aly Khan's Annatom by Tilerail out of Antonina was second, beaten by a head, four lengths separating second from third.

The betting was 5-2 Beausite, 4-6 Annatom and 100-6 Diadogue.

Beausite was second in the Thousand Guineas.

Hole-in-One

Playing over the Relief Course at Fanling on Tuesday evening, C. Mather did the third hole in one.

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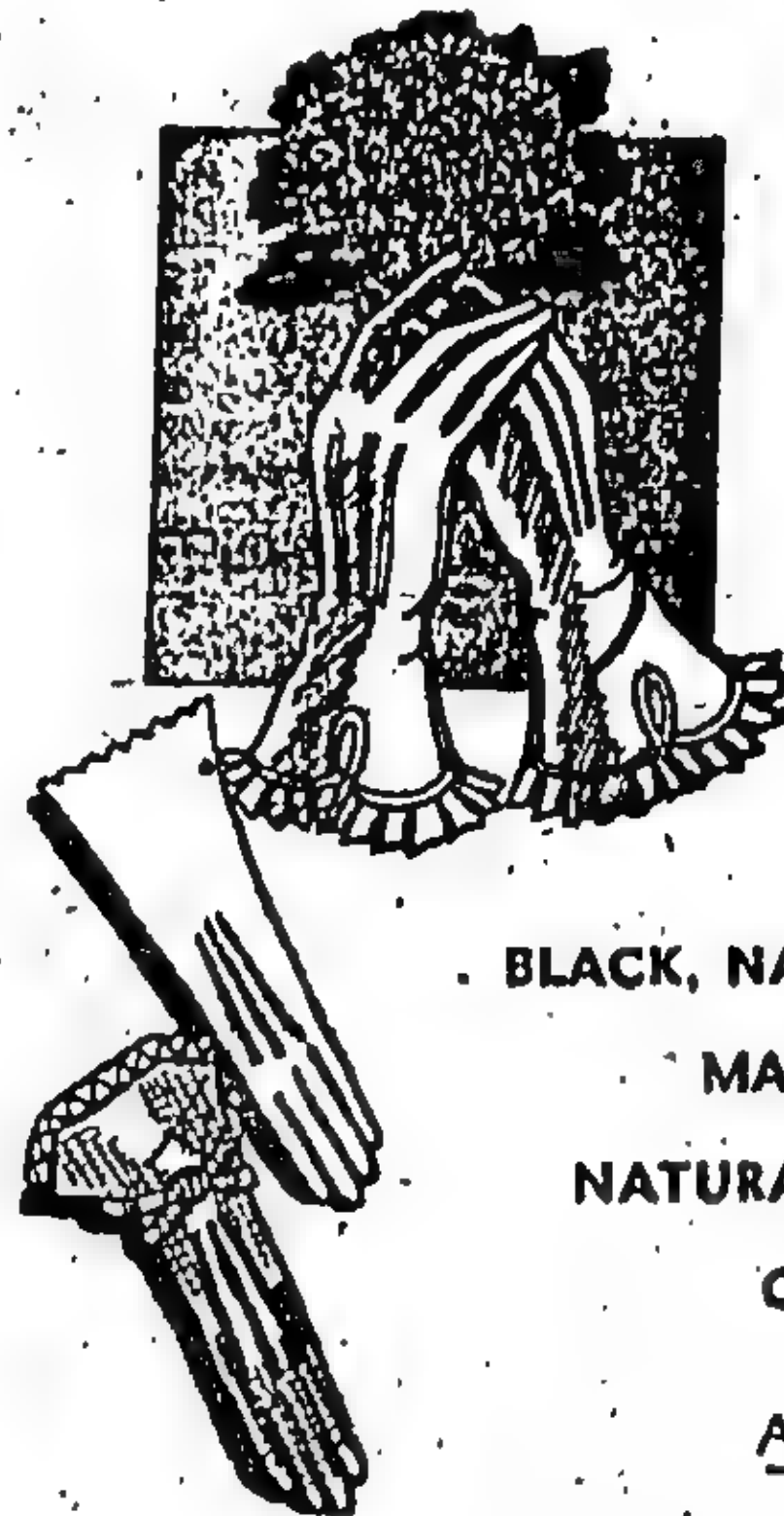
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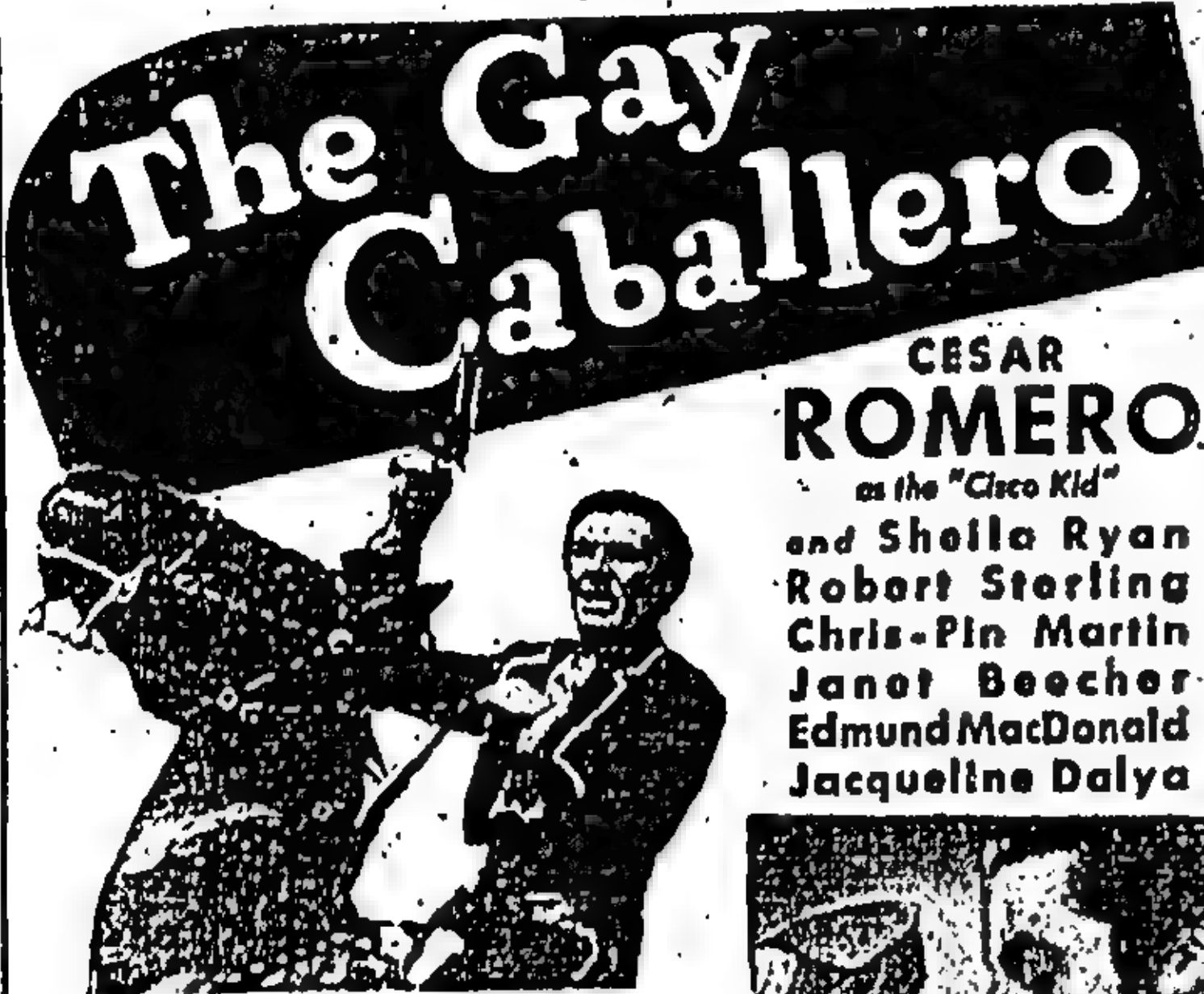
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PWD Foreman Who Forgot To Initial

FROM PAGE ONE

ing report would be written out, is that it?—George Tang would not check until after I have put it on in the morning report.

So the morning report was prepared from your report, not from George Tang. That is so.

If you purposely put down in the morning report more work done than had been done, the workmen would get more pay. We cannot do that. We cannot measure more work done than what had actually been done, because there is a plan.

What was that?—We were never so dishonest as to measure more than the actual work done.

The sub-contractors pay the workmen daily wages, don't they?—Oh, that, I have no idea.

The sub-contractors are paid according to the length of tunnel they excavate, so much per foot?—That I don't know. It is the work of the No. 1 foreman.

Doesn't Know Arrangements

You don't know what the arrangements with the contractors are?—I don't know.

Which of these small books contain the numbers of the sub-contractors' workmen?

Witness sorted out a number of books and said: These books are not entered up in regular form except for this one (produced). In the top part, it contains the contracted work which shows how many workmen are employed by the sub-contractors and the lower portion shows how many workmen are employed by Kin Lee.

The Chairman: We want the books which contain the numbers of the sub-contractors' workmen.

Witness looked through the pile of books and produced the required ones.

Another book also was produced which showed entries from July 17, 1941 to date of number of workmen employed in the improvement in tunnel, shifting of sand, etc. at site No. 4.

Chairman to Witness: Who is that book kept by?—These entries are made by the foreman on duty.

Did these entries improve?

Yes, before July 17, cannot say.

They only started shifting sand on July 17?—Yes, the purpose of shifting sand was to save Government money.

System of Payment Questions

Mr. Bellamy to Witness: You told us that sub-contractors workmen are not paid regular day wage, but are paid per cubic yard, did you say that?—Well, I cannot say. The Kin Lee contractors pay these labourers employed by the sub-contractors, so I don't know.

You said they were paid by results, what we call piece work?—I have no idea, sir.

You don't know whether Kin Lee pay sub-contractors by results or that sub-contractors pay their workmen by results?—I have no idea, I cannot say.

Mr. Blake intervened to say that he thought that Kin Lee paid sub-contractors piece work wage, and that sub-contractors paid their labourers so much a day. They were all daily paid workmen.

Witness Recalled

Li Lushing, foreman of P.W.D. was recalled.

The Chairman then asked: You were told yesterday to produce all books in which you entered the number of workmen checked off.

Witness: They are all here.

These are, the same books as brought by the previous Witness?—Yes.

Have you any more attendance books to produce?—That is the only attendance book we have.

We will find in these books everything you have done in connection with your work since the work started?—Yes.

Do you sign your name underneath when you make entries?—Yes.

Cheng Fung-tung, foreman employed by the Waterworks Office of the P.W.D., who was examined yesterday, was recalled.

Uninitialed Vouchers

The Chairman asked: We have here all the so-called vouchers submitted by Kin Lee with a summary of the amounts on which they received their money from Government.

You told us yesterday when I asked if you had checked all these vouchers and you said you believed you did not miss any.

Witness: Yes.

The vouchers were produced for the Witness to examine. These vouchers did not bear Witness' initials.

The Chairman: What explanation have you to offer for that (the omission of initials on the vouchers)?—I have forgotten to initial.

We can understand your doing that on one or two occasions, but what we cannot understand is why you failed to initial on hundreds of occasions. What explanation have you for that, was it because you were too busy?—I have simply forgotten.

Did Not Perform Duties

You admit then that you did not perform the duties for which you were paid?—I admit that, sir, I have forgotten to sign and that was a mistake.

You are paid to check off these vouchers, are you not?—That is so.

You are the Government representative in the Kin Lee Office to look after the interest of Government by checking off the vouchers they submit for work done?—Yes, though I have forgotten to initial, but I have checked every one of these vouchers.

If you went to the trouble of checking, why didn't you also go to the trouble of putting your initials on?—They are only P.T.C., it takes only a fraction of a second to do that.

Why didn't you?—I think I was too busy.

What were you too busy doing?—Because these sub-contractor bills or vouchers came in bundles and there were so many at a time.

Did you report that to Mr. Buchanan and ask for assistance?—I did tell Mr. Buchanan that there was too

STOCK EXCHANGE Markets Mostly Firm

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange continued to be cheerful to-day with markets again mostly firm. Fair investment inquiry was evident but the shortage of stocks restricted business.

Gilt-edged securities and Indian loans gained further ground while breweries and heavy industry stocks were good features among the industrialists. American issues in oils were also good.

Argentina rails improved on local political development but Brazilian bonds reflected disappointment in connection with the coffee loan redemption of tender acceptances.

Kaffirs were speculative and responded well to Cape demand.

Wall Street was firm.

Madame Chiang Is Honoured

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Sept. 24 (UP).—It is revealed that a Ming Dynasty white porcelain elephant, formerly placed close to the Imperial throne as a seat for one of the State Ministers in the Ming Palace at Peking, recently entered the portals of Wellesley College at Wellesley, Mass., in honour of its distinguished Chinese student, Madame Chiang Kai-shek.

It is said that the antique was presented by Miss Caroline Hazard, President of Wellesley College from 1899 to 1910 in recognition of work "nobly done" by Madame Chiang for the Chinese people.

Miss Hazard recently sent a telegram to Madame Chiang informing her of the gift.

British Red Cross

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The British Red Cross has allocated £250,000 to deal with the immediate needs of Russia and Britain's other Allies.

Lord Hfite, Chairman of the Duke of Gloucester's Red Cross and St. John Fund, is issuing a special appeal to meet the urgent needs of the Polish Army and the Czechoslovak Legion being organised on Russian soil.

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Battering At Leningrad

BERLIN, Sept. 24 (UP).—An authorised German military spokesman to-day claimed that Field Marshal Ritter von Leeb's northern armies are hammering the iron ring tighter and tighter around the beleaguered fortress at Leningrad, compressing its population of millions into a concentrated target for German bombers and guns.

Competent but unofficial sources understand that the largest town before Leningrad, Pskov, 18 1/2 miles from the heart of Leningrad on the Bay of Kronstadt, has been captured.

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TERRIFIC BATTLE FOR LENINGRAD

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retreat by "Russian Cossack tanks," which are mentioned for the first time.

Heavy losses are claimed by the "Red Star" to have been inflicted on the 138th and 137th German Alpine Regiments during an attack by German and Finnish troops on the Murmansk front.

Between September 8 and 15, German troops lost 2,000 men in killed alone," states the newspaper, which adds that all attacks were repulsed.

Fleet Air Arm

The effective work of the Soviet Fleet Air Arm finds a place in to-day's Soviet broadcasts. A supplement to the Soviet communique states that the Soviet Baltic Fleet Air Arm during Monday brought down 15 enemy planes and destroyed ten more on enemy aerodromes.

At the approaches to Leningrad, Soviet Fleet Air Arm bombers destroyed two German anti-aircraft batteries, 11 anti-aircraft and machine-gun emplacements, 14 armoured cars and eight guns.

The Baltic Sea Fleet Air Arm destroyed 11 enemy planes on their aerodromes.

The supplement also refers to bold attacks on German troops by a guerrilla detachment commanded by a schoolmaster operating in the Odessa district.

British Planes In Action

VICHY, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—"Squadrons" of British planes are now participating in the defence of Leningrad, according to a Stockholm dispatch to a Vichy news agency.

With the aid of British aircraft, the dispatch says, the Russian Air Force has caused serious losses to the Germans. The Russian Fleet is also helping the Leningrad defenders.

German movement on this front has been greatly hampered by rain, and in addition the nights are intensely cold.

On the former Estonian islands of Oesel and Dagoo, Russian troops are still fiercely resisting attacks by Nazi planes, paratroopers and infantry.

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THE SUBJECT OF UNCHECKED WORK ON TUNNELS BEING BUILT IN THE AIR RAIDS PRECAUTIONS SCHEME WAS AGAIN EXHAUSTIVELY GONE INTO THIS MORNING BY THE COMMISSION WHICH IS INQUIRING INTO CERTAIN MATTERS AFFECTING THE ARCHITECTURAL OFFICE OF THE A.R.P. DEPARTMENT.

The Chairman, Mr Justice Cressall told one witness that the Commission was suggesting that he had grossly neglected his job of checking vouchers on which Government paid for work done. In this way Government had been made to pay out more than was due.

To another witness the Chairman put the question that his firm was merely a blind for Kwong Wing and that Kwong Wing's name was used to overcharge Government. This allegation was denied.

The use of a car for the occasional convenience of foremen on the job was the subject of comment. Mr Justice Cressall suggested to one sub-contractor that he lent his car for a Government foreman's personal use in return for favours.

Stern Battle For Leningrad Nazis Admit City Still Defies Them

Special to the "Telegraph"
BERLIN, Sept. 24 (UP).—The closest approach thus far claimed to Leningrad by the Germans is Krassnojeselo, directly south of the city and 12 miles distant, according to German quarters. Krassnojeselo was captured by German troops even before Leningrad was completely cut off by land.

Nazis Hope To Cut Off Budenny

WAR COMMENTARY BY "ANNALIST"
LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The Germans to-day announce that the complete elimination of the encircled Russian forces can be reckoned with "in a few days."

This tells a somewhat different story from their earlier claims to have surrounded Soviet troops who are disintegrating and being abandoned by their officers.

It confirms the views already expressed that the Germans are making a desperate effort to cut off the rearwards of Marshal Budenny's forces and that the latter are fighting with the same indomitable spirit that characterised Russian soldiers throughout the last three months.

Indeed, unconfirmed reports from Moscow of counter-attacks at Glukhov and Poltava, which are reported to have met with local success, show that Russian morale is not weakening.

Maisky's Estimate
Both at Leningrad and Odessa, the assaults have not been able to make any progress despite repeated attacks with heavy forces. German losses in these intensive operations must undoubtedly have been heavy and there are, therefore, good grounds for believing that the estimate of M. Maisky of German losses as somewhere in the neighbourhood of three million is not excessive.

The recent German claim of heavy air raids and air successes over Britain are to certain knowledge without foundation and prove that German propaganda is being compelled once again to have to recourse to downright lies to give the German people a little encouragement and confidence.

Singapore Rubber For America

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SINGAPORE, Sept. 24 (UP).—It is announced that the Singapore Chamber of Commerce and the Rubber Association have adopted the New York Rubber Trade Association's invitation and are sending Mr. F. J. Kemle, Chairman of the Singapore Association, to New York to discuss more satisfactory arrangements in obtaining rubber supplies from Singapore.
Mr. Kemle is leaving as soon as possible.

A sub-contractor who said he was owed money for work done for Kin Lee on the tunnels was advised by the Chairman to sue whenever payment was a fortnight in arrears. Witness said he would accept this advice, but hitherto he had been assured by a Government servant that there was no fear of the money not being forthcoming.

The Commission comprises His Honour Mr Justice P. E. F. Cressall (Chairman), Mr S. Hampden Ross and Mr L. C. F. Bellamy with Mr K. M. A. Barnett as Secretary. Mr D. H. Blake appeared for the Kin Lee firm, contractors for the building of the tunnel shelters in Kowloon. Mr G. G. N. Tinson appeared for Wing-Comdr A. H. S. Steele-Perkins.

Books Produced

Lo Hok-pui, P.W.D. foreman, was recalled this morning, and produced a number of books which had been asked for by the Commission yesterday.

The Chairman: What date do they start from?
Witness: From September 20, 1940.

Up to date?—Yes.
In those books, the names of all workmen employed by the sub-contractors are entered?—We have only the numbers of the workmen employed. These books contain entries by all three foremen.

If one goes through those books and adds up the numbers, one will have the total number of workmen employed by the sub-contractors since the job started?—One can find that out from these books but we have never added up the total.

Are the rates of pay entered in these books?—May I explain? The workmen employed by the sub-contractors were paid not so much per day, but by the amount of work done.

Is that information down in these books?—The system was like this. These books contain the number of workmen employed by the sub-contractors but there is no record of the work done by them. The work done by them is measured by the foreman on duty from 12 midnight to 3 a.m. and this having been done is entered in the morning report.

So these books contain just the numbers of the workmen?—Yes, as well as Kin Lee's workmen.

And the morning report contain the amount of work they did?—Correct.

Work Checked
That work is checked by a Government foreman. The No. 1 foreman

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Reds Demand Dismissal Of British Cabinet Ministers

Special to the "Telegraph"
LONDON, Sept. 24 (UP).—The Communist Party of Great Britain in a statement issued to the press to-day demanded the immediate dismissal of the Minister of Aircraft Production, Colonel Moore-Brabazon, and the Secretary of State for War, Captain Davis Margesson.

The statement also requested immediate calling of Parliament "so that steps can be taken to strengthen the Government and adopt a policy which will guarantee to the people that no obstacle is going to be allowed to stand in the way of effecting a decisive defeat to Hitler."

Twelve Thousand Serbs Rise Against Nazis

Special to the "Telegraph"

BUDAPEST, Sept. 24 (UP).—Twelve thousand Serbian Chetniks attacked an unnamed Serbian town, forcing the outnumbered German garrison to wire for help.

The German authorities sent Stukas to disperse the Chetniks, after which General Nedik's volunteer army attacked the insurgents.

Fighting is still going on in the woods and General Nedik has sent further reinforcements.

It is reported that many officers escaped from the Serbian prison camps and together with many former officers who were not prisoners have joined the Chetniks.

Thailand Thinks Japanese Threat Has Greatly Receded

Special to the "Telegraph"

BANGKOK, Sept. 24 (UP).—Leading Thai officials, speaking to the "United Press," expressed the belief that Thailand's position is easier somewhat, due firstly to the strengthening of Singapore coupled with the close United States-British-Dutch East Indies co-operation; secondly, President Roosevelt's declaration that Lend-Lease sea routes, including the Pacific, will be protected; thirdly, reports of the Japanese concentrating troops in Siberia.

Neutrality Act May Soon Be Amended

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—It was strongly indicated in the Capitol to-day that President Roosevelt will request the virtual repeal of the Neutrality Act next week. It is reported from the Capitol that Administration officials were thus urging the President and recommending also the elimination of provisions preventing United States ships from entering belligerent ports or "combat areas."

Australian Government Survives

Censure Motion Defeated
CANBERRA, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—In the Australian Parliament to-day, Mr John Curtin, the Labour Leader, moved an amendment which amounted to a vote of censure on the Government.

His amendment displayed disapproval of what he alleged was the use of Government funds, amounting to over £3,000 for bribing Union officials.

After Mr Curtin had moved his amendment, Mr W. M. Hughes, the Attorney-General and Navy Minister, flatly denied the allegations that the Government had used the funds for bribing Union officials.

The total expenditure for 20 months for such funds was £4,600 and this had been used to counter subversive activities and propaganda.

Mr Curtin's motion of censure was defeated by 32 votes to 31.

No Menace To Japan

U.S. Shipments To Vladivostok

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
TOKYO, Sept. 24 (UP).—The Deputy Government Spokesman, Mr Ichi Kishi in a broadcast this evening told the Japanese nation that it is inconceivable that the United States aid to Russia shipments via Vladivostok would constitute a menace to Japan, because of the shortage of American bottom.

However, he said, aside from the question of the volume of such shipments, the feeling of the Japanese people over the navigation close to Japanese waters of American ships transporting such supplies as aviation gasoline upon which the United States has placed an embargo to Japan, is "similar to the Asama case last year when a British warship forcibly inspected the Asama Maru in waters from which Mount Fuji was visible." This act deeply aroused the entire Japanese nation.

That is the reason why the Japanese Government sent representations to the United States and Russia.

Inflation Danger In America Stressed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (UP).—Mr Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, testifying to-day before the House Banking Committee urged Congressional approval of a bill designed to control price levels.

He said that "bold and effective action" is necessary for the purpose of halting the quickening trend towards inflation.

He urged that the Administration's bill be amended for the purpose of including farm prices but opposed the fixing of maximum wage levels.

He also urged the release of Government owned stocks of farm goods for the purpose of preventing a dangerous rise in prices.

Mr Morgenthau stated: "Whole sale prices for farm products have risen 37 per cent during the past year of which six per cent occurred within the last month. All commodities have risen 36 per cent during the last year—foods are up 25 per cent; textiles 23 per cent; building materials 12 per cent and chemicals 14 per cent."

Trans-Channel Guns Roar As RAF Raid

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

FOLKESTONE, Sept. 24 (UP).—Two trans-Channel guns at Cap Gris Nez fired several salvos in the Channel haze this afternoon, after which shell explosions rattled windows and doors in south coast towns when they burst later.

British bombers headed for France while fighters patrolled the Channel. Shortly after there were bomb explosions accompanied by the roar of German anti-aircraft batteries.

STATE OF SIEGE IN PARIS?

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICHY, Sept. 24 (UP).—Unconfirmed reports state that a state of siege has been declared in Paris as a result of the series of anti-Nazi incidents.

Political Talks
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICHY, Sept. 24 (UP).—Franco-German political conversations were resumed to-day after a lapse of two months.

M. Benoit-Mechin conferred with Herr Abetz, Nazi Commissioner at Paris, after which he went to Vichy to consult Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan.

He will return to Paris to confer again with Herr Abetz.

Roosevelt Will Break Ship Strike If Necessary

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (UP).—A high administration official indicated that President Roosevelt was prepared to take over all ships tied up on account of the seamen's strike if necessary, to keep commerce moving. Twenty-one vessels are now idle in the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific.

However, the official explained that the President would not act unless forced to, inasmuch as he was still hopeful of a peaceful settlement.

Appeal To Men
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 24 (UP).—Mr Sidney Hillman, co-director of the United States Defence program, addressing a convention of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers asserted that the nation's need of

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Britain's Superlative Fighter

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This Nazi plane has only one large calibre gun—a 15-millimetre Mauser. The Mark II Hurricanes have four 20-millimetre cannons. Their alternative armament is 12 machine-guns; the Mark I Hurricane had only eight machine-guns.

The fire-power developed by either of the new armaments is vastly superior to that of the single gun on the German plane apart from the fact that the British cannon, having a larger calibre, is capable of greater penetration and general destructive power by virtue of its higher muzzle velocity and larger mass with the ability to carry a more useful explosive charge.

Added to this is the fact that the Mark II is equipped with the new Merlin engine with a two-speed supercharger giving it a much higher ceiling, a better rate of climb and a greater top speed.

Bail Of \$10,000 For Chinese

Wong Ka-wah, 22, Manager of Nanking Drug Store, was charged before Mr G. T. Lowry at Central Magistracy this morning with breach of Defence Regulations by making false declarations on export licences, on six occasions.

Defendant was alleged to have used the term "Quinine tablets made in Java" for the goods which were really Aetabrin tablets made in Germany on five export permits, on September 14; and "Vita Spermin Ampo made in Shanghai" for Plasmoquine tablets made in Germany on one export licence on September 17.

Det-Sgt J. Johnston who prosecuted, stated that Mr C. A. Suberton, who was remanded for 24 hours on bail of \$10,000.

P. I. DEFENCE BILL

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (UP).—Filipino circles in Washington understand that the \$54,000,000 Philippines Defence Bill may be introduced in the House of Representatives and in the Senate on Thursday and expect little difficulty in obtaining speedy action.

Hunan Battle Reaches Crisis

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CHUNGKING, Sept. 24 (UP).—Military circles say that the Hunan battle reached its most critical stage to-day with the Chinese and Japanese locked in very bitter fighting between Hsiangyin and Pingliang.

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SECOND GERMAN OFFENSIVE ON MURMANSK FRONT HALTED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, SEPT. 24 (UP).—THE SEVEN DAY BATTLE IN THE DIRECTION OF MURMANSK ENDED TO-DAY WITH THE COMPLETE COLLAPSE OF THE SECOND GERMAN OFFENSIVE, ACCORDING TO A DISPATCH TO THE NEWSPAPER "RED STAR." IN ONE SECTOR THE ENEMY DEAD NUMBERED 2,000. THE DISPATCH ADDED, "THE STUBBORN RESISTANCE OF OUR TROOPS AND THEIR CRUSHING COUNTER-ATTACKS; THE SEVERE LOSSES AND THE COLD WHICH IS SETTING IN IN THE NORTH ARE DRIVING THE FASCISTS TO DESPAIR."

The offensive was launched early in September with picked German troops who were transferred from Norway, consisting of S.S. battalions and several Alpine regiments who were ordered to take the vital ice-free port at any cost.

The Russian counter-attack halted the advance and compelled the Germans to take up defensive positions.

A telephone dispatch from Leningrad reported to-day that the Russians trapped a panzer column which surrendered after a short battle in which one German General was killed, 117 officers and men captured, and 20 damaged and 16 undamaged tanks taken which will now be used by the Red army.

BITTER FIGHTING REPORTED

MOSCOW, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Activity on the Odessa front has again increased. Bitter fighting is going on in the neighbourhood of Kherson for a point called "N" which Soviet troops hold.

The enemy has flung in more reserves but the Soviet forces have thrown back the Germans after a bloody struggle in which 1,500 enemy corpses were left piled up in tank traps.

Terrific Battle For Leningrad

Russian and German Reports

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The terrific struggle for Leningrad and the ebb and flow of the opposing armies was described to-day in both Berlin and Moscow broadcasts.

The Germans, in claiming the capture of a "fair-sized" town, refer to hard house-to-house fighting before the city and the "tenacious resistance" of the city's defenders.

The capture of further sections of Leningrad's defences figures in the German claims which speak of the taking of strong Soviet field positions and putting out of action a number of Soviet pill-boxes with heavy losses for the enemy.

Battles of Bridges

On the Russian side, the "Red Star" states that in the battles of the bridges to Leningrad the German attacks have been repulsed and the Russians have inflicted heavy losses in a series of counter-attacks.

According to a field dispatch to the "Red Star" one such counter-attack developed into a battle which raged throughout Tuesday. Soviet forces forced the 126th German Infantry Division to roll back, capturing fortified positions.

The Germans then brought tanks into action, supported by infantry, but were compelled to retreat, "leaving the battlefield strewn with the corpses of German soldiers."

Cossack Tanks

In another sector on the south-eastern approaches to the city, the Russians drove a wedge into the German defences but were forced to retreat by "Russian Cossack tanks," which are mentioned for the first time.

Heavy losses are claimed by the "Red Star" to have been inflicted on the 130th and 137th German Alpine Regiments during an attack by German and Finnish troops on the Murmansk front.

"Between September 8 and 15, German troops lost 2,000 men in killed alone," states the newspaper.

At "Point N" Soviet troops hold well-prepared defensive positions. The enemy, without sparing men, launched one attack after another and once pierced the Soviet first line defences. The Soviet Command threw in reserves and forced the Germans out.

News published in the "Red Star" throws down the German claim to have already reached Perekop on the Isthmus and to have isolated the Crimea. The "Red Star" does not state exactly how far from Kherson the battle is in progress. Kherson stands on the high right bank of the Dnieper 20 miles from the mouth and is one of the largest cities on the Dnieper. The region may be called the orchard of the Ukraine, producing the finest grapes and peaches.

Germans Dislodged

MOSCOW, Sept. 24 (UP).—The Red army on the central front today dislodged the Germans from a fortified base on the east bank of the Western Dvina River, and during the course of a four-day battle destroyed two regiments and killed 2,500 men, according to a dispatch to the "Red Star."

Vichy Provoking An Uprising

Within Four Months

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—A "United Press" dispatch of September 22 states that Arthur Lassez, former propagandist for the French Government, arriving in the United States, said that a revolution would break out throughout France "within four months."

He also stated that the execution of the so-called Communists in reprisal for the attacks on Nazi soldiers would accelerate and not retard the uprising.

Ritter von Leeb's northern armies are hammering the iron ring tighter and tighter around the beleaguered fortress at Leningrad, compressing its population of millions into a concentrated target for German bombers and guns.

Competent but unofficial sources understand that the largest town before Leningrad, Piterhof, 18½ miles from the heart of Leningrad on the Bay of Kronstadt, has been captured.

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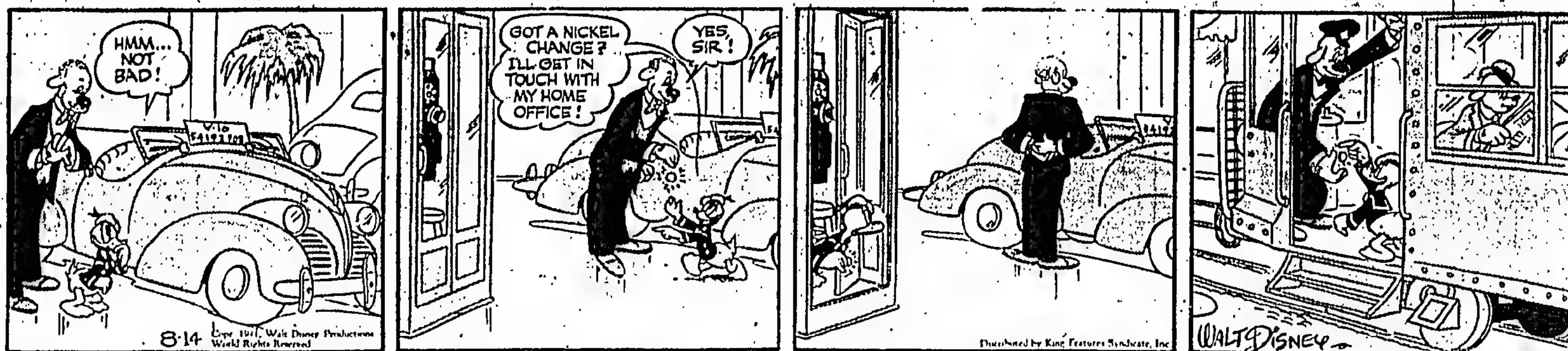
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Bad Bidding and Worse Play

"DEAR Mrs Culbertson: Speaking of bridge partners, if we must, I really must tell you about what happened to me last night on the following hand:

"South dealer.
"Both sides vulnerable.

♠ 9 5 3
♥ 10
♦ J 7 6 5 4
♣ 7 6 4

♠ A Q 8
♥ Q 9 6 4
♦ A 10 8
♣ K 9 2

♠ K J 10 6
♥ 7 8
♦ 9 8 2
♣ 10 6 3

♠ A Q 8
♥ A K J 8 5 2
♦ K Q
♣ A Q 8

"I sat North with that horrible mess. The bidding gaily proceeded:

South West North East
1♥ Pass Pass 1N T
2♥ 2♠ Pass Pass
3♥ Pass Pass Dble.
Pass Pass Pass

"Obviously, my dear partner cared nothing about my pass to one heart; he was sure he could take nine tricks all by himself!

"West opened the spade jack. East won with the ace and returned the queen and eight. Declarer ruffed and led the king of diamonds. East won and led back a diamond. Now, instead of leading low to the heart, ten, thereby insuring against two heart losers, declarer cashed the ace and king, probably hoping to drop the queen and nine! Disappointed in this, and awaking to the probability that, considering East's bidding, the suit would not break, dear partner now shifted to the club queen. East won and made a return for which declarer should have been very grateful, namely, a diamond. But did my partner grasp the chance

to shorten his own trump suit by ruffing? He did not! He chucked his low club. Dummy's diamond jack won and another diamond was led, probably with the naive hope that East would ruff and allow South to overruff. East did not oblige, however; he discarded a club. Declarer let go the club ace but then, when dummy's last diamond was led, East discarded another club, declarer had to ruff. After which he had to concede two tricks to East's queen-nine of trumps.

"Of course, East made a bad play by leading the third diamond instead of a club. How simple it should have been for declarer to ruff that diamond, enter dummy with a low club to the jack and run diamonds until East was forced to ruff. In this way, it would have been a cinch to shut out the nine of trumps and thereby recoup from the original error of leading out the ace and king of trumps.

"Why is it the very players who bid their hearts off usually manage to lose an extra trick in the play? J.F.G., New York."

I'm afraid I don't know the answer to J.F.G.'s question, and any other comment by me would be redundant.

To-morrow's Hand

♠ J 10 9 8
♥ 9 8
♦ 8 6 3
♣ A J 9 8

♠ 8 5 2
♥ 10 7 8 2
♦ A Q
♣ 10 5 3 2

♠ A Q 6
♥ A Q J 6
♦ 9 5 2
♣ K 4

West opens the spade jack against three notrump. What card should declarer play and why?

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

1—Chinese dynasty
2—Buck in mud
3—Monumental figure
4—Above and on
5—Fossil-mammal
6—Kind of power
7—Cut away pieces of
8—Historical
9—Vehicles of war
10—Permit before
11—Writing fluid
12—Outpost
13—Native of
14—Scandinavian country
15—Units of decimal
16—Unit of length
17—Small flag
18—Look after
19—Tasting device
20—Strike near
21—Coverings for feet
22—Make angry
23—These before events
24—Utter gaspingly
25—Embarkment beside
26—River
27—Billings of court
28—Mac
29—Unit
30—Maker of ship
31—Being vitiated
32—Drink by little
33—Pretend, half by little
34—Excursion of
35—Considerable extent
36—Make speech
37—Give out

DOWN

1—General killed in late
Spanish war
2—Russian name
3—African
4—African
5—African
6—Large deer
7—Large deer
8—Oven down
9—Component of steel
10—Devil of heat
11—Norwegian
12—At
13—Czech name
14—Termite
15—Doctrine
16—Blindness to view
17—Pointed arch
18—Grass
19—Common laborer
20—Indolence
21—Prior in time
22—Oven and candle
23—Groove rips
24—Medieval freeman
25—Indolence
26—Alligator
27—Indolence
28—Article of household
29—Type of head
30—Covering
31—Riser in staircase
32—Small opening in
33—Rice
34—Rice
35—Food plant
36—Rotten ruler
37—Lace of allicates
38—Particular article
39—In list
40—Largest rodent

Conference Of Allies Adheres To U.S.-British Declaration

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The Inter-Allied Conference unanimously affirmed as a common aim that supplies of food and materials will be made available for the post-war needs of the countries liberated from Nazi oppression.

M. Paul Spaak, the Belgian Prime Minister, afterwards proposed the following resolution: "The Governments of Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Luxembourg, the U.S.S.R. and Yugoslavia and representatives of General de Gaulle, leader of the Free French, having taken note of the declaration recently drawn up by the President of the U.S.A. and the Prime Minister of Britain, Mr Winston Churchill, on behalf of His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom, now make known their adherence to the common principles of policy set forth in the declaration and their intention to co-operate to the best of their ability in giving effect to them."

Mr Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, explained that the preamble to the resolution made no mention of His Majesty's Government or the Governments of Canada, Australia, the Dominions and South Africa because these governments were already associated with the declaration.

Mr Eden said that the resolution expressed the general aim for which they were fighting. It was his conviction that approval by the Allied Council of the declaration would add greatly to its influence and encourage the Allied forces now gathered together to defeat Germany.

Czechoslovakia
M. Jan Masaryk, the Czech Foreign Minister, accepting the resolution on behalf of Czechoslovakia, said that Czechoslovakia who enjoyed the hospitality of Britain were stirred by the meeting of President Roosevelt and Mr Churchill. The eight points were equally important in their political and economic significance. They were the correct process in achieving a better world for our children after the final victory.

Small Nations
Any hope of agreement with Nazi Germany and vulgarizing goose-stepping Prussianism was a futile dream. Only after the destruction of this could we establish peace that all men in all lands would live out their lives in freedom from fear and want. Even when the total disarmament of nations who periodically resorted to aggression to attain political aggrandisement was accomplished, the defensive position of nations who, like Czechoslovakia, had for long been victims of aggression, would have to be considered.

Mr Masaryk continued, "Within the future economic structure of the world as outlined by the Churchill-Roosevelt Declaration, small nations like Czechoslovakia, by access to their fair share of raw materials, will be given an opportunity as equals to reconstruct in co-operation with their neighbours quickly and permanently their devastated economic life. Czechoslovak government are more than ever convinced that the closer co-operation becomes between Britain and America the greater will be the future safety of those who to-day have taken up arms against the common foe."

Help For Russia
Mr Masaryk hoped that the co-operation would be particularly quick in giving all possible assistance to Soviet Russia. On behalf of Greece, Mr Tsouderos approved the resolution. Mr Joseph Beech, for Luxembourg, said his government gave adherence to the Roosevelt-Churchill declaration.

"To-day the whole world knows that the great English-speaking democracies are jointly pledged to the final destruction of Nazi tyranny." The declaration had brought renewed encouragement to resistance by oppressed peoples.

Netherlands
Dr E. N. van Kliefden, the Netherlands Foreign Minister, said that the words "with due respect for their existing obligations" in Point 4 of the Atlantic Charter (dealing with equal access to trade and materials) appeared to be in the nature of reservation.

Existing obligations should not be perpetuated if they would seriously impair or diminish the effect of rule. At the end of the last war the same principle found solemn expression in almost identical terms, he said, and they all knew what became of it when the snowball of protection was set rolling until it became so large that it was a serious obstacle in the path of international trade.

An Earnest Hope
The Netherlands Government expressed the earnest hope to see trade barriers removed and discriminatory treatment in international commerce abolished. A serious effort would be made to that end, for the ultimate benefit of all.

Dr van Kliefden said that on behalf of the Netherlands Government, he was happy to express adherence to the principles of the Atlantic Charter because it was their conviction that these principles, properly applied, would go far to advance a better international order, which would bring to all countries international and national security and prosperity. "We thank the President for the

United States and the Prime Minister of His Britannic Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom for having taken this auspicious initiative," he said.

Poland's Views

The Polish Minister, Count Edward Raczynski, said he hoped the Charter would be fully applied and the activities of certain nations that had taken advantage of present circumstances would not be forgotten. Poland which was the first victim of the German aggressor and which had still rejected German proposals of collaboration would see that none of the illegal acts perpetrated by the ruthless aggressor would be recognised and the Polish population, which had been removed from the western parts of Poland would return to their homes and the Germans be driven away.

He was confident too, that Poland would not be allowed to emerge from the war with reduced territory but would see that her frontiers assured an economic development worthy of the numbers of her population. He endorsed very strongly the fundamental principles of the Atlantic Charter.

Pool of Resources

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The duty of all free countries to organise in good time an initial pool of resources for use in the transition from war to peace was stressed by Mr Anthony Eden at today's resumption of the Allied Conference at St James's Palace, London.

Mr Eden proposed a resolution dealing with practical steps which must be taken in order to provide for the supply of necessities to occupied countries as soon as the German oppressors had been removed. It was in order to organise this action that the British Government had invited the Allied Governments and authorities to meet there that day. The preliminary work had already been done by a Ministerial Committee on export surpluses.

European Needs

Another Committee under Sir Frederick Leith-Ross, Government Chief Economic adviser, had already begun to enquire into European needs.

The Netherlands Government had taken measures to build a store for their country, and the Polish and Belgian Governments had to prepare preliminary memoranda on their country's estimated requirements. The Norwegian and Czech Governments were putting in hand preparation of corresponding memoranda.

Mr Eden said that the framing and co-ordination of the estimates

of the probable requirements was the first task. Such estimates must take into account the urgent needs in the first week after the Nazi yoke was lifted.

Re-organisation Period

Such estimates must further take into account the probable demands of European countries for supplies from overseas in order to restore their economies to working order after a period of reorganisation which is likely to last two years after the war.

Mr Eden said that he would propose provision for the establishment of a bureau which would report to the inter-Allied Committee under the Chairmanship of Sir Frederick Leith-Ross.

Stocks of certain essential food-stuffs were even now accumulated in those parts of the world not directly ravaged by war. It was known that the United States Government was deeply interested in planning for the co-ordination of stocks and the marketing of some of the most important commodities, especially wheat and cotton.

The statement which they have authorised me to make shows that they will not be unwilling at the right time to join in the framing of plans for the supply of Europe's needs on the basis of co-operation," said Mr Eden.

Dutch Food Stocks

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The point of view of the Netherlands Government with regard to the resolution adopted by the Inter-Allied Conference in London to-day on the subject of post-war feeding and relief in Europe was explained to "Reuter" to-day by an authoritative Netherlands spokesman.

"As is well-known," he said, "the Netherlands Government some time ago planned measures for re-stocking the Netherlands as soon as the yoke of German oppression has been cast off. Queen Wilhelmina in a radio speech promised her people to take this task in hand."

Operations In U.S.A.

"A Government executive in the extraordinary service appointed for this purpose is in New York and is making the necessary purchases and supervising the storing of these goods for the duration of the war."

"Although the Government have the greatest possible interest in this joint Allied task and will be prepared to exert all their powers to contribute their share to this work, the fact remains that plans on behalf of the Netherlands Motherland retain their particular attention."

Fighting In North Hunan

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Sept. 24 (UP).—Severe fighting is going on in North Hunan along the south shore of the Milo River.

It is said that the Japanese troops who are joining in the present attack are those which moved on Changsha 100,000 strong. The land troops are assisted by heavy artillery and tanks as well as naval landing forces who are trying to storm Changsha from the north by land and from the northwest across Tungting Lake.

Thus far, the Japanese troops are still 50 miles north of Changsha which has been a scorched earth city since 1938 and which, according to Chinese military authorities, completely lacks any military value.

Full Preparedness For Philippines

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (UP).—In an interview with the "United Press" to-day, Representative Warren Mangunson of the House Naval Affairs Committee said that he favoured bringing the Philippines to the fullest point of preparedness in view of the uncertain situation in the Pacific.

He asserted that he would support a \$50,000,000 fund for strengthening the defences of the Commonwealth and similar measures.

Ex-Shah Leaving For Argentina

TEHERAN, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The ex-Shah has left Kerman in the direction of Bandar Abbas and is to pass through India on his way to the Argentine, according to an Iranian news agency.

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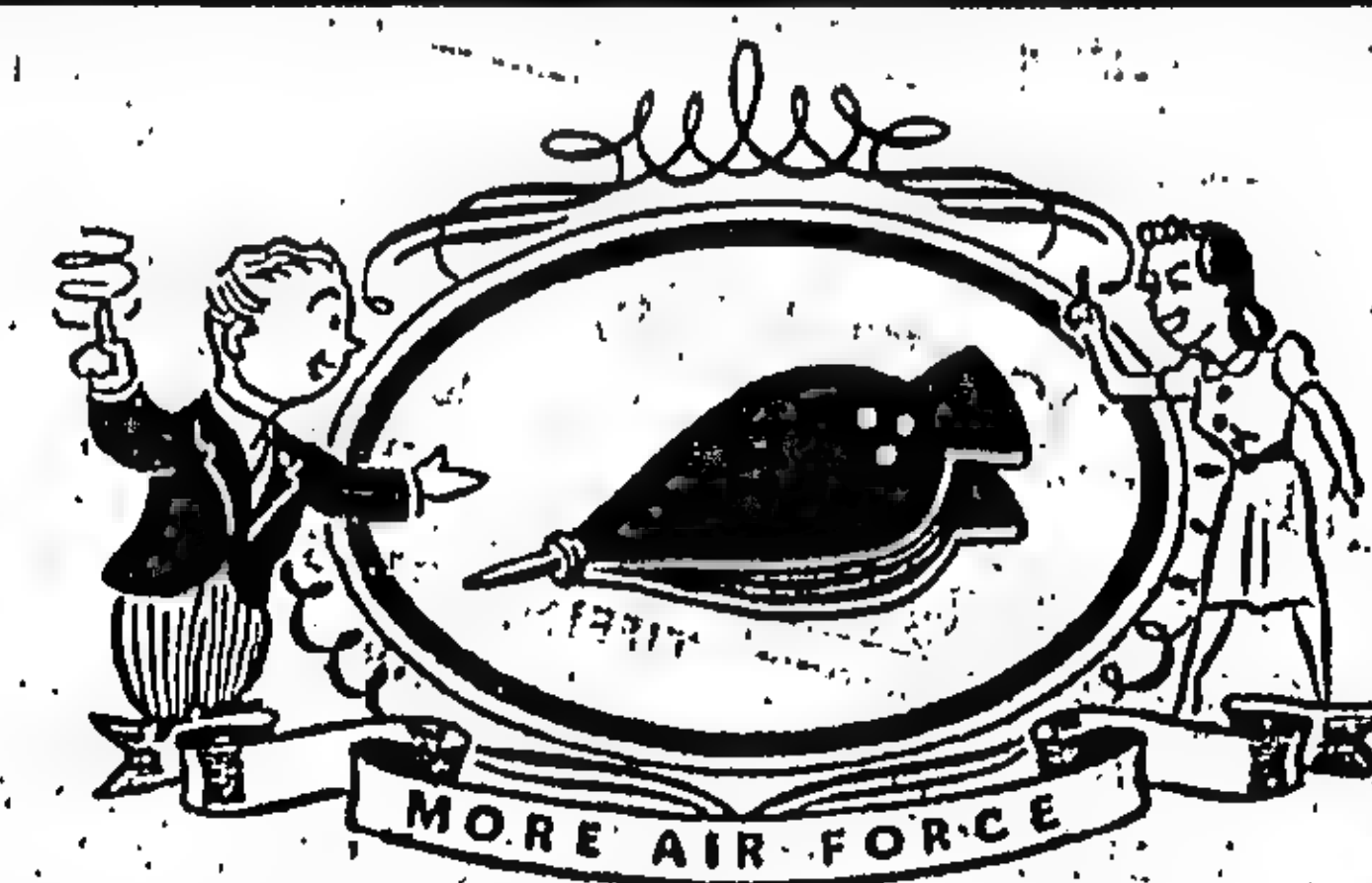
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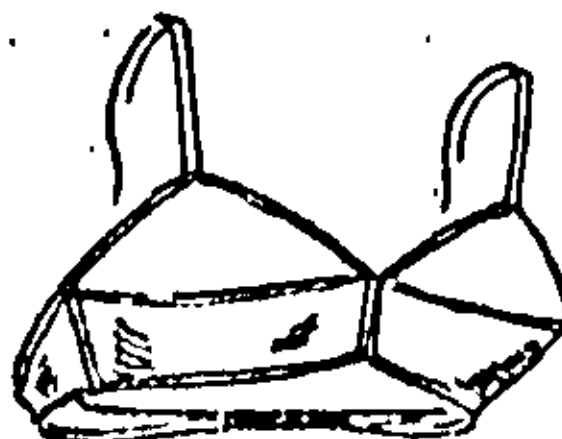
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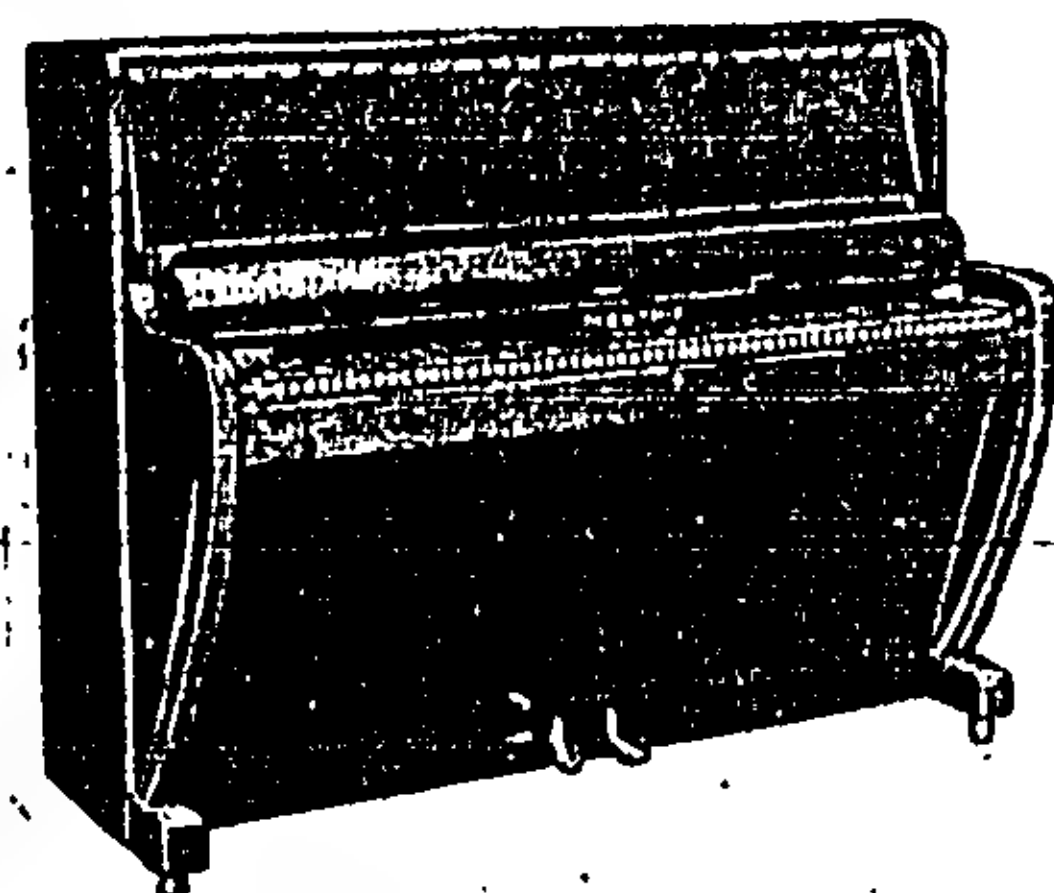
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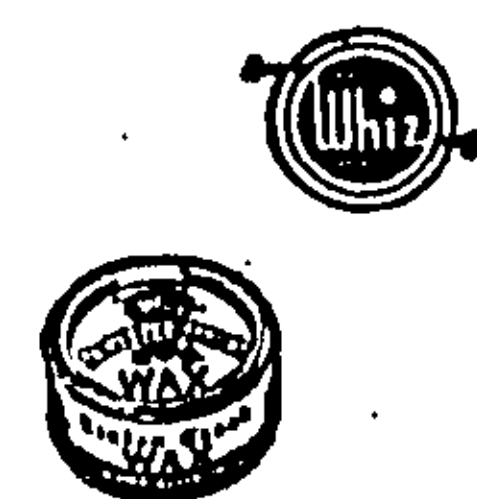
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GENTLE REMINDER

LETTERS from Home, the regular calling up of women and men of advanced ages, pictures like "The Ramparts we Watch", the daily newspaper reports each telling of so many persons who have given their lives for a Cause: these must spasmodically give the Hongkong conscience a painful twinge. Isolated as we are, literally an outpost of Empire, Hongkong has so far escaped all but the minor nuisances of warfare. The war that is ravaging China has left our borders intact; the war that Britain is waging for life and death has not tapped our man-power or depleted our tables. We pay a little more and we get what we have always had: the best that the Far East can offer. Volunteers chafing under a monotonous routine have not the satisfaction of knowing that we are actively defending a vital link in the Empire chain: ours is but a listening post, a profitable door that must be kept open so long as it pays, a prestige port, a nerve that will warn the huge body of the approach of danger.

Hongkong people have read with something like amazement of elderly parents out on fire-spotting duty all night or giving manual service to defence works. The contrast is often painful. It makes our own grievances seem rather small.

Secluded as we thus are from actual hostilities we can yet throw ourselves more heartily into our mission here: keeping ourselves as strong as we can to throw a big stumbling block into the path of any aggressor; contributing as lavishly as possible to the war and cultivating the goodwill of China. But it must be conceded that our ways are largely ordered by the Government. Hongkong must be kept a going concern and our job is to obey orders.

Meanwhile "Ramparts we Watch" touched more emotions than pockets; the Bomber-Fund has been sluggish lately. It does not seem that Hongkong is fully showing its gratitude for being left in peace by giving generously to those who are fighting our war, both Chinese and Europeans. It would not be inappropriate to repeat what was previously advocated. Give

DETAILED REPORT OF THIS
MORNING'S ARP INQUIRY

FROM PAGE ONE

would check the measurement taken down by the man on duty. George Tsang would check the work done by each man the previous night. With that information, the morning report would be written out, is that it?—George Tsang would check until after I have put it on the morning report. So the morning report was prepared from your report, not from George Tsang. That is so.

If you purposely put down in the morning report more work done than had been done, the workmen would get more pay. We cannot do that. We cannot measure more work done than what had actually been done because there is a plan.

What was that?—We were never so dishonest as to measure more than the actual work done. The sub-contractors pay the workmen. Yes, don't they?—Of that I have no idea.

The sub-contractors are paid according to the length of tunnel they excavate, so much per foot?—That I don't know. It is the work of the No. 1 foreman.

Doesn't know arrangements?—You don't know what the arrangements with the contractors are?—I don't know.

Which of these small books contain the numbers of the sub-contractors' workmen?

Witness sorted out a number of books and said: These books are entered up in regular order except for this one (produced). In the top part, it contains the contracted work which shows how many workmen are employed by the sub-contractors and the lower portion shows how many workmen are employed by Kin Lee.

The Chairman: We want the books which contain the numbers of the sub-contractors' workmen.

Witness looked through the pile of books and produced the required ones.

Another book also was produced which showed entries from July 17, 1941 to date of numbers of workmen employed in the improvement in tunnel, shifting of sand, etc. at site No. 4.

Chairman to Witness: Who is that book kept by?—These entries are made by the foreman on duty.

Did these tunnel improvements start before July 17?—I cannot say. They only started shifting sand on July 17, the purpose of shifting sand was to save Government money.

System of Payment Questions. Mr. Bellamy to Witness: You told us that sub-contractors workmen are not paid regular day wage, but are paid per cubic yard, did you say that?—Well, I cannot say. The Kin Lee contractors pay these labourers employed by the sub-contractors, so I don't know.

You said they were paid by results, what we call piece work?—I have no idea, sir.

You don't know whether Kin Lee pay sub-contractors by results or that sub-contractors pay their workmen by results?—I have no idea, I cannot say.

Mr. Blake intervened to say that he thought that Kin Lee paid sub-contractors piece work wage, and that sub-contractors paid their labourers so much a day. They were all daily.

Witness Recalled. Li Lin-shing, foreman of P.W.D. was recalled.

The Chairman then asked: You were told yesterday to produce all books in which you entered the number of workmen checked.

Witness: They are all here. These are the same books as brought by the previous Witness.

Have you any more attendance books to produce?—That is the only attendance book we have.

We will find in those books everything you have done in connection with your work since the work started?—Yes.

Do you sign your name underneath when you make entries?—Yes.

Cheng Fung-tung, foreman employed by the Waterworks Office of the P.W.D., who was examined yesterday, was recalled.

Uninitiated Vouchers. The Chairman asked: We have here a list of so-called vouchers submitted by Kin Lee with a summary of the amounts on which they received their money from Government. You told us yesterday when I asked if you had checked all these vouchers and you said you believed you did not miss any.

The vouchers were produced for the Witness to examine. These vouchers did not bear Witness' initials.

only a fraction of a second to do that. Why didn't you?—I think I was too busy.

What were you too busy doing?—Because these sub-contractors' bills or vouchers came in bundles, and there were so many at a time.

Did you report that to Mr. Buchanan and ask for assistance?—I did not tell Mr. Buchanan that there was too many at a time but did not ask for assistance.

The system of checking was that after your initials are on, then Mr. Buchanan put his initials on too, is that it?—No.

Mr. Buchanan did not initial these vouchers?—Yes, he initialed them.

Asked For Explanations. I am right in saying that the system was you being the man to check the vouchers on the spot, put your initials on them, then send them to Mr. Buchanan who is in the Hongkong Office, and he seeing your initials, would O.K. them, and then money would be paid by Government?

Yes, one of these vouchers Mr. Buchanan always asked me explanations about them, before he would initial them.

And you would go through each one with Mr. Buchanan?—Every one of them.

If you had time to do that, why didn't you have time to put your initials on them in your Office in Hongkong?—I was wrong in not having initialed them, simply out of forgetfulness.

We intend to get Mr. Buchanan here, so be careful with your answers. Yes.

Are you seriously suggesting that you produced all these vouchers to Mr. Buchanan before you initialed them?—Yes.

Everyone?—Yes.

And you did this in the Hongkong office of the P.W.D.?—In most cases I went to Mr. Buchanan's office at Marsman's premises.

At Marsman's? Where is that?—The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building, second floor.

Is Mr. Buchanan employed by Marsman's or by the P.W.D.?—By the P.W.D. but his office is in the Bank Building.

So you took Kin Lee's vouchers to Mr. Buchanan's office at Marsman's premises?—Yes.

Reads Chinese Figures. But a lot of these vouchers are in Chinese?—Yes.

Does Mr. Buchanan read or write Chinese?—I know that he can only read Chinese figures.

So you had to translate all these documents to him?—Yes.

That took some time, I presume?—Yes.

While you were doing this wonderful work, who was in charge of the office at Hongkong?—George Tsang.

You left the No. 1 foreman in charge?—Correct.

Supposing other contractors' bills came in while you were away, what would happen?—George Tsang would do it and he would keep all the vouchers until I returned, when they would be handed over to me.

According to you, you took great pains and trouble to explain every single voucher to Mr. Buchanan, whether it was in Chinese or English?—Correct.

You have already told us why you failed to put your initials on several of the vouchers in the office because you said you forgot. That was the only reason.

"I Cannot Answer". When you went through the vouchers at such length with Mr. Buchanan, must have seen that your initials were not on them. Why did you not put them in then?—I cannot answer.

Have you had any occasion when checking off the vouchers to refuse to pass one because the amount was too high or there was something wrong with it?—On several occasions.

Will you look through that bunch of vouchers and point out some, or if you wish, we will let you stand down and you can go through the whole lot?—On the occasions when I discovered something wrong, and I refused to pass the voucher or O.K. it, that particular voucher would be returned for amendment or correction and a new one made out. I am not able to find any here.

Series of Lies. It would be amended by the sub-contractor?—It would be re-written.

When it was returned, you put a note in it that the original note had been refused by you?—No.

I am suggesting to you that you grossly neglected to do this work as a representative of the Government in checking off these vouchers. The Commission do not believe for one moment that you went through every one of these vouchers with Mr. Buchanan. You have told us a series of lies in performing your duties negligently. The Government has been made to pay more than it should have paid.

Witness was then told to stand down.

Li Man-shing, sole proprietor of the Li Man-shing firm, building contractor, was the next Witness called.

The Chairman asked: You are sub-contractors on Kowloon tunnels?—Witness: Yes.

Doesn't know Capital. Who are the partners in your firm?—I am the sole proprietor.

When did you form it?—It has been in existence for several tens of years.

What is the capital?—Only a small capital. Since it is my own business I have invested in it, but I believe.

You must know how much capital you put in it?—About \$80 to \$100.

What is the capital now?—I must work it out.

Do you keep any books?—Yes.

Can't you find out from books what your capital is?—I have many contracts.

All the more reason why you ought to know what your capital is now?—I cannot say until I have looked it up.

Bank Account. How much money do you have in your bank account?

One now, but formerly I had only a savings account.

When did you take out your Bank account?—Sometime in April or May 1941.

Which is the Bank?—The Bank of East Asia, Kowloon branch.

Is Li Man-shing your own firm?—Yes.

Have you a brother?—I have several younger brothers.

What are their names?—Li Yee, aged about 45 to 46 years; Li Chuen-shing, 40 or 41; and Li Yiu, about 36 or 37.

Has any of your brothers got a share in your business?—No. Li Yee is in Hongkong.

None of them has any share in your business?—None, since the family estate had been divided.

No Brothers Have Share. Answer my question. At the present moment, September 25, none of your brothers has a share in your business?—None.

Did any of them ever have a share in your business?—Never at any time since I started the business in my own name as Li Man-shing.

Does your brother Li Yee work in your Office?—No.

Where does he work?—I don't know.

When did you see him last?—Only a few days ago, in Hongkong.

Do you know the Union Express Construction Company?—No, I don't know.

Never heard of it?—Never.

This brother of yours Li Yee, was he at your house when the bailiff came?—He was not there. I myself also was not there.

Didn't you hear that your brother was in the house?—I don't know.

Knows Kwong Wing. You know Kwong Wing and Company?—I don't know.

You don't know Kwong Wing of Kin Lee?—I know a person by that name in Kin Lee.

You know his wife?—Yes.

You know 207 Jaffe Road?—No. You never been there?—Never.

What exactly do you do in this sub-contracting work in tunnels?—Rebuild side walls, rebuild arches and re-lay concrete.

You call it concrete lining?—Yes.

You know Kwong Wing and Company also did concrete lining work for Marsman's?—That work was also done by me.

Who paid for it?—Kwong Wing. He was paid by Marsman's?—I don't know, but I was paid by Kwong Wing.

Kwong Wing and Company sent a bill for it?—I don't know.

Did Kwong Wing sub-let this Marsman's contract to you?—Yes.

Do you know that Kwong Wing and Company use similar note paper to the note paper you used?—No, it was this. When the work is done by me at the end of the month Kwong Wing would go with a Government official to measure up my work.

Audit Of Accounts. Who is M. Kwong who signs the bills submitted by your firm and Kwong Wing?—He is Kwong Ming, the younger brother of Kwong Wing of the Kin Lee Company.

How did he come to sign your order of account?—Because Kwong Ming audits the accounts of the Kin Lee Co.

He does not seem to have audited any one else's account except those of the Union Express Construction Co., Kwong Wing and Company, your Company and Ah Ting and Company?—I don't know about that.

He does not seem to have had anything to do with the accounts of the China Light and Power Company and other concerns?—I don't know.

Intimate Connection. I am suggesting that there is a very intimate connection between the Union Express Construction Company, the Kwong Wing Company and your firm, not forgetting Mr. Ah Ting, is that right or wrong?—I know nothing about the Union Express Construction Co., or the Kwong Wing Co., but I know Ah Ting who was working in Kowloon driving holes.

But is my suggestion right or wrong?—I say it is wrong.

I am also telling you that all these firms use similar note paper with the exception of Ah Ting—I must tell you this, that whatever work is done by me is neat and clear. It can be checked and measured any time.

How come you to use the same note paper as Kwong Wing?—I must explain this. Whatever work is done by me would be measured at the end of each month and the measuring would be done by Kwong Wing together with a Government official with or without my presence. So how much of the work was measured I don't know. Kwong Wing would be paid by Government and he would pay me.

Chopped To Save Trouble. Why did you put your accounts down on his note paper?—We use not Kwong Wing's but Kin Lee's note paper.

So your accounts and Kwong Wing's and one or two other firms were always sent in on Kin Lee's note paper, is that it?—May I tell you the whole thing. How much work was measured I don't know. I wrote a request to Kin Lee to let me have a copy of the work measured out so that I could make out a bill. Instead of making out a bill myself, I made use of the copy handed over to me and simply put my chop on it to save trouble.

So, this happy position occurs: Although you call yourself a business man of several ten years' standing you let Kin Lee do the checking without any control by you and take their word for what they say?—The final amount of work done could not be agreed upon until I was present and the work was measured again in the presence of myself, Kwong Wing and a Government official.

Not A Blind. Even if that was so, why was it necessary for Kin Lee to measure the work?—The work was measured every day and the amount paid to

me was roughly the figure on the work I have done.

I am going to make a very pertinent suggestion to you. You told us you are a business man of several ten years' standing in your own firm, but I suggest that this firm of yours is just another blind for Kwong Wing and you made use of his name to over-charge the Government?—No.

Do you know George Tsang, the No. 1 foreman?—Yes.

Is he the man that checks up your work too?—Yes.

He also checks Kwong Wing and Co.'s work?—Yes.

And the Union Express Construction Company?—I don't know.

And Mr. Ah Ting?—I don't know.

You know about yourself and Kwong Wing?—Yes.

Have you got a motor car?—Yes.

Use Of Car. What is the number?—I have two motor cars, one is No. 599 and the other No. 60.

How much did you pay for each?—I paid a little over \$200 for No. 599, and I have been using it for many years. No. 60 cost me \$700.

Did you ever allow George Tsang to use your car?—Yes.

Did you ever allow any other Government foreman to use it?—Not to use it, but they were given lifts.

Lifts For Foremen. You give all Government foremen lifts, do you?—No, there was accommodation for only two or three people.

You used to give the Government foreman supervising the job you were doing a lift in your car?—Sometimes, for convenience, as when going out to inspect the work.

Did you ever allow your car to take George Tsang to his residence at the Y.M.C.A.?—I don't know.

Did your chauffeur ever tell you?—My foreman drives my car.

Did he ever tell you that he used to drive George Tsang home?—No.

Are you surprised to hear this?—I believe that sometimes he did use my car when it was going in the same direction.

So by a strange coincidence your car used to pass his house and George Tsang used to use it?—I know very little about my car. My foreman uses it mostly.

For Private Use. I will tell you why you know so little about your car. I am suggesting to you that your car was for the sole private use of George Tsang.

That is not so.

And that he was seen several times before the Commission sat, but not since, driving—In Kowloon in your private car?—No.

And that you gave your friend Kwong Wing a lift to be done so that George Tsang would not perform his duties with the Government in a satisfactory manner?—No.

Are you also a sub-contractor for Tung Shan and Co.?—Yes.

How long have you been a sub-contractor there?—I have been doing work for them for several years past.

Do you know the partners of Tung Shan and Co.?—No.

You don't know who are the partners?—How can I tell.

You know the value of the contract you got from Chung Shan?—I must look this up.

Value Of Contracts. Do you know the total value of the A.R.P. contracts you have had from Kin Lee?—Up to now a little over \$50,000, but I don't know the full total as we are still carrying on the work.

You might make up to \$100,000. You can take it from me that you won't. Now, you remember you have received contracts to the value of \$50,000 from Kin Lee, yet you cannot remember the capital of your Company to date, how is that?—It is a little over \$10,000.

How did you manage to remember that in half an hour?—You have just asked me for the capital of my firm at present. I understood you to mean all my contracts. The \$10,000 is the capital I invested in the A.R.P. work I got from Kin Lee.

Separate Business. So you run the A.R.P. business separately from your other businesses?—Certainly there is a separate book for the A.R.P. business.

Your capital of \$10,000 appears in that book?—No, we are only sub-contractors so that we are paying out every day.

You said you invested \$10,000 purely for A.R.P. work you are doing for Kin Lee?—By capital I mean this.

We have done so much work and are not paid in full by Kin Lee so that Kin Lee owes us certain sums of money from time to time in respect of the work. In so far as money owing to me by Kin Lee is concerned, that which has not yet been paid is my capital.

Owed By Kin Lee. Kin Lee owes you over \$10,000?—Yes.

And the total value of the work done to date is \$50,000?—Between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

You know they get paid twice a month by Government?—I don't know.

Have you ever complained to Kwong Wing?—Yes.

What did Kwong Wing tell you?—He said he would pay me when he was paid.

When was the last time you complained to him?—I am pressing him for payment every day.

What was the date of the last payment by Kin Lee?—On September 19 or 20.

Fair Warning to Finns Is Given by Britain

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Reports that Britain had told Finland that if she continued to invade purely Russian territory it would be necessary for Britain to treat Finland as an open enemy now and when peace had come were confirmed in London to-day.

It was added that if Finland ceased fighting and withdrew her troops to her original frontiers as they existed before the Russo-Finnish war, Britain would be ready to see whether relations between the two countries could be improved.

The suggestion of M. Tanner, the Finnish Minister of Commerce, that the Finnish war against Russia could be separated from the war as a whole is not regarded as a possibility in authoritative circles in London.

Death Abroad Of Chinese Envoy Buried at Geneva

GENEVA, Sept. 24 (Central News).—The funeral was held here on Monday of the late Chinese Minister to Poland, Dr. Wang King-ky, who died of cancer last month.

Madame Wang, her son and daughter and leaders of the Chinese community here including the Chinese Minister to Switzerland, Dr. Victor Hoo Shih-tai, the Chinese Judge in the International Court of Justice, Dr. F. Cheng and General Wei Yung-ching who until recently was Military Attaché to Berlin, participated in the ceremony.

The late Minister left Warsaw during the German-Polish war in 1939, travelling by way of Germany, Belgium and France. He was wounded en route during an air raid.

It is learned that Madame Wang and her family are shortly leaving for China via the United States.

Vichy Says British Sank French Ship

VICHY, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The Vichy news agency announces that British bombers attacked and sank the French cargo steamer Moncelot on Saturday in the Gulf of Gabes off the coast of Tunisia.

All her crew were rescued.

The agency adds that the Moncelot which carried a cargo of phosphates, caught fire after being hit by three bombs.

Strong Protest

VICHY, Sept. 24 (UP).—The French Government is protesting strongly to London against the sinking of the Moncelot. The protest is based on three points: firstly, that the Moncelot was transporting phosphates which is not contraband of war; secondly, that she was navigating in French waters; thirdly, that the French tricolor was plainly visible and therefore no mistake was possible.

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10.15 Short Piano Recital by Arthur Schnabel.

Evocation (Albeniz); Cordoba (Albeniz); Navarra (Albeniz).

10.30 Paul Robeson (Bass) and The Boston Promenade Orchestra.

11.0 London—"War Correspondent."

11.15 Close Down.

Bulgaria Denies Bellicosity

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—All is quiet in Bulgaria, declared the Bulgarian Minister of the Interior, M. Grabowski, addressing foreign journalists in Sofia to-day, states a Sofia dispatch to the official German news agency.

The Minister stressed that as a partner in the Three-Power Pact, Bulgaria stood on the side of the Axis Powers politically and ideologically.

He denied American reports that in the near future Bulgaria would enter the war against the Soviet Union, establish a protectorate in the Crimea, control the Black Sea and participate in the exploitation of the Caucasian oil wells.

Bulgaria, he added, had no aggressive intentions against anyone and was not being pressed from any quarter.

Baseless Fabrication

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ANKARA, Sept. 24 (UP).—It is reliably learned that the Bulgarian authorities have evacuated the Turkish population from the village of Jemool, situated near a large military aerodrome near the Turkish frontier, and have filled up the village with munitions and fuel stores.

The "New York Times" has stated that the German ultimatum to Bulgaria is a baseless fantasy.

Enemy Ships Sunk By Sub.

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—A British submarine has torpedoed an enemy transport and a supply ship of about 1,500 tons each in the Central Mediterranean, according to an Admiralty communique this afternoon.

The supply ship is believed to have been sunk and the transport was later seen to be on fire.

Some U.S. Marines Leave Tientsin

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TIENTSIN, Sept. 24 (UP).—The United States Marine establishment here has been reduced by more than half by the departure on the transport Henderson for Cavite and the United States with approximately 50 Marines. A small detachment likewise proceeded to Peking leaving less than 50 men at Tientsin.

Disappearance Mystery Of British Attache's Wife

Special to the "Telegraph"

PEIPING, Sept. 24 (UP).—Mystery continued to surround the disappearance of the beautiful and popular Japanese-born Alko, wife of Mr. Denzil H. Clarke, Press Attache of the British Embassy. She has been missing since she left a lady friend's house last Saturday. Her husband and the British Embassy are making every possible effort to find her and have also appealed to the Japanese authorities; however, thus far they have not been able to obtain the slightest clue.

The British Consul, Mr. A. A. L. Tuson told the "United Press" that he is convinced that Mrs. Clarke has been kidnapped, and he believes that her disappearance is closely linked with an extremely libellous article, published in the Japanese daily newspaper "Tao Shimpo" on September 12 in which Mrs. Clarke was severely criticised for behaving in a manner causing pain to patriotic Japanese. The article also made other fantastic allegations. The British Embassy requested the Japanese newspaper to publish a retraction but have so far failed to obtain satisfaction.

Conservation Expert Invited To China

The Chinese Government has extended an invitation through the State Department to Dr. W. C. Lowdermilk, Associate Chief of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, to come to China as adviser in forestry and general conservancy work to help in formulating a flood-control programme for the country, according to Dr. D. Y. Lin, director of the Yellow River Commission and concurrently member of the National Relief Commission, in an interview with "Central News."

Dr. Lin who has just arrived in Hongkong from Chungking spent most of the past two years in the Northwest, making extensive studies of the upstream drainage areas of the Yellow River basin and of soil erosion and the causes of floods in the various provinces in Central and North China.

Like all up-to-date conservations Dr. Lin believes that the problem of flood-control is no longer just an engineering problem.

"Dr. Lowdermilk," added Dr. Lin, "is a well-known authority in conservation matters. Some 15 years ago he was in China as professor of forestry in the University of Nanking, and had already done much to arouse public interest in the importance of devising fundamental measures for flood and erosion control in North and Northwest China."

Dr. Lowdermilk, he said, will certainly bring about a form of technical co-operation that is much needed between the two countries, for he comes not only as an adviser but also as a representative of the U. S. Government. Dr. Lin expressed certainty that Dr. Lowdermilk will make all Chinese river basins the laboratory for his Soil Conservation Service for further investigations and research in problems affecting land utilization and watershed management which will be of great value to both countries.

Japanese Move Against Siberia is Forecast

Special to the "Telegraph"

CHUNGKING, Sept. 24 (UP).—The newspaper "Ta Kung Pao" to-day predicted that with the loss of Kiev, the Japanese will be launching an offensive against Siberia very soon.

It asserted that all the Japanese northern offensives in history since the invasion of Korea in 1892 have been undertaken in the winter time. The first Russo-Japanese Siberian expedition in 1918 was in winter, and the occupation of Manchuria in 1931 was carried out in the same season.

The reasons for the winter campaigns on the northern mainland include the fact that the freezing of all rivers in Manchuria permit Japanese cavalry and artillery to move freely.

The establishment of General Yamada's forces completes the preparations for a push north and the recent protest regarding the Soviet mines and the sinking of Japanese fishing boats provides the best prelude to a Russo-Japanese clash.

Refinery In Flames

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WHITING, Ind. Sept. 24 (UP).—Fire is raging in the 700 acre refinery of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana and flames are shooting 100 feet into the air.

The fire broke out in two tanks this morning and the intense heat prevents the approach of the fire fighters to within several hundred feet.

One Man Killed

WHITING, Indiana, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—All available firemen and police were rushed to the scene after an explosion and fire occurred in the Standard Oil Company factory here.

One man has been reported killed and several injured.

The fire spread to a dozen oil storage tanks in a region almost a mile long. Concern was expressed over the possibility that an "agitator plant," which is the storage place for highly volatile fuels, may explode.

The flames were visible for miles before they were brought under control.

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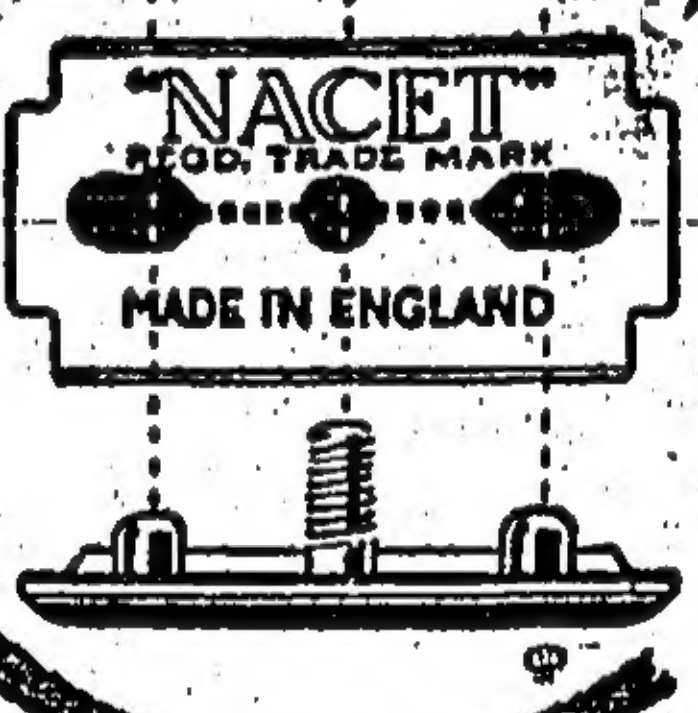
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"Then I must have dreamt it. A vivid dream, Hawkins, because their noses all turned red."

"Undoubtedly a dream, Sir, since I took the precaution of evacuating the bowl to my pantry when Lord Henry began talking."

"Very wise of you, Hawkins."

Were many glasses broken?"

"None, Sir."

"No casualties to any of the guests?"

"No, Sir. And judging from the amount of Rot's consumed, there will be no headaches this morning either. We got through six and a half bottles of Rot's Lime Juice."

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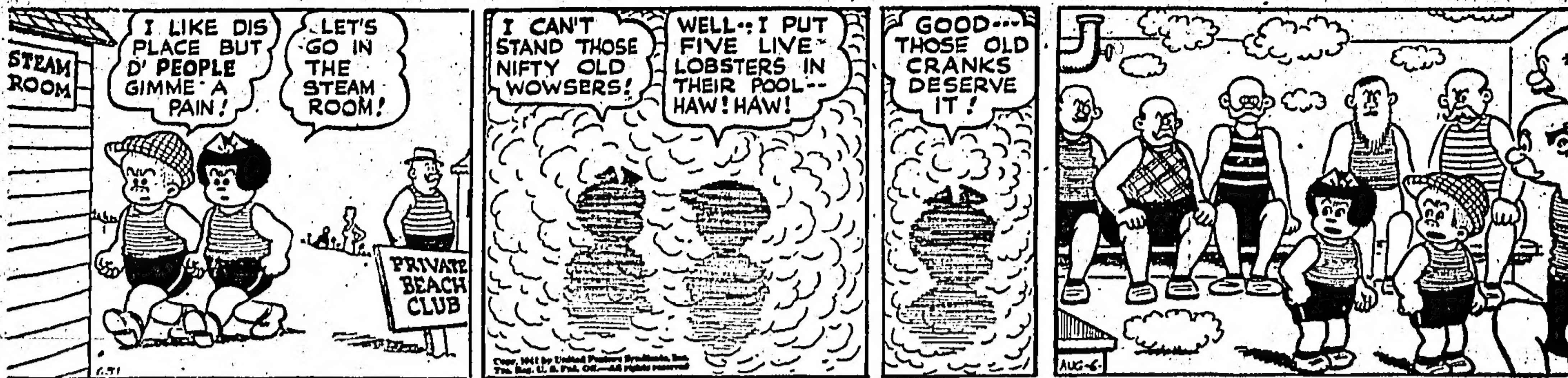
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British and Russians Fraternise in Teheran

(By "Reuter's" Special Correspondent)

TEHERAN, (Delayed).—Outside an uncompleted machine-gun factory in the outskirts of Teheran, where British troops are billeted, British and Soviet troops this morning held a ceremonial parade.

Drawn up facing each other at each end of a large open space, formations saluted both Generals and cheered each other.

The Russians produced an impressive continuous roar like an American college shout lasting half a minute.

At the end of the ceremony, the contingents marched past the General and wheeled into a vast empty work shop where 600 bottles of beer were awaiting.

A Soviet band in white tunic and dark breeches played as the men drank beer.

World's Smartest
The British contingent consisted of detachments of one of the world's smartest regiments, the West Country Yeomanry Regiment, the Gurkhas, Artillery and other regiments.

Soviet soldiers included tank troops, mechanised infantry, infantry and engineers.

British troops have now settled in great comfort in the machine-gun factory building which is almost completed though lacking machinery.

Stroll in City
In the afternoons and evenings, men off duty are allowed to enter Teheran where amiably curious crowds gather round them as they wander from shop to shop buying miniatures made in the great art centre of Persia or delicate filigree made in Tabriz.

Persians also flock to the city's many beer gardens to watch the British troops at close quarters. The Persians are particularly impressed by the fact that off duty the British troops (except the Gurkhas) carry

Decorations for RAF in Middle East

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Flying Officers who direct Britain's air operations in the Middle East—the Western Desert, the Mediterranean and Iraq—are included in the list of R.A.F. awards issued to-day.

The 112 names include three officers and two non-commissioned officers in the Women's Auxiliary Air Force.

Acting Air Marshal Roy Maxwell Drummond, Deputy Air Officer Commander-in-Chief at Middle East headquarters and Air Vice-Marshal John Henry D'Albino, Air Officer Commanding in Iraq, become Commanders of the Bath.

"British Wireless" adds that Air Vice-Marshal A. Coningham, D.S.O., M.C., D.F.C. and A.F.C., born in Brisbane and now A.O.C. of an R.A.F. group in the Middle East, also receives a Companionship of the Bath.

Wing Commander G. E. Sampson, of Brisbane, now engaged in staff duties at the Headquarters of the Fighter Command, receives the O.B.E.

Bordeaux Explosion
NEW YORK, Sept. 24 (UP).—According to the Vichy radio a great explosion occurred in a Bordeaux war factory which destroyed a portion of the building identified as an alcohol factory which was producing synthetic gasoline.

Paramount Importance Of Production

(By "Reuter's" Political Correspondent)

LONDON, Sept. 24.—Further support to the pleas of Members of Parliament that the Government should adopt a more vigorous production policy, is given by editorials which appeared to-day in the leading dailies, "The Times" and "Manchester Guardian."

There is no question that public opinion is deeply stirred on the issue of production but Government are seriously handicapped by conditions of security from being able to reveal to the public anything but a small part of what they are doing and what further plans they have in mind.

Drastic Action Welcomed
The position of Russia, her heroic fight and her growing need of weapons of war has made the issue of production in this country one of the greatest moments. There is no question that the public would wholeheartedly endorse any drastic action that the Government might feel themselves compelled to take to secure the maximum output and any sacrifices and hardships that such a course entailed would be borne willingly and gladly.

The Government are by no means deaf to the entreaties that have been made to them but their desire is to attain with a minimum of dislocation the target of production at which they have aimed.

Further Steps
There is every reason to believe that further steps are contemplated by the Government in the use of the extraordinary powers conferred on them by Parliament in the early days of their existence, more especially in regard to women.

Large numbers of women are required by the Auxiliary, Territorial Service so that it can be released for fighting and it would cause little surprise in political circles if a measure of compulsion is enforced, especially among the younger women who are not doing work of national importance.

Heavy Responsibility
Over the whole field of national effort, the Government have a heavy responsibility to discharge but their task has been made easier by the fact that never before has there been such unity of purpose among the people.

Many dark and anxious times may still lie ahead but if the Government, conscious only of the need for victory, act with boldness, firmness and decision, they will have the unquestioned support of the nation.

Order Invoked
LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—The Government announces that the "essential work" order will soon be applied to the 200 "nucleus" mills in the cotton spinning industry.

Under the order, no employee is able to leave his employment or be dismissed without official permission, and for the first time operatives will receive guaranteed weekly wage rates.

This is the first time that the order has been invoked in a "concentrated" industry. It does not apply to the manufacturing section of the trade.

For some months labour shortage in the spinning mills has been increasing owing to operatives being called up for military service or leaving for munitions factories.

Wheat For India
BOMBAY, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—It is understood that the Government of India are considering the reduction of import duty on wheat at the earliest possible moment.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2 3/4
Demand London	1/2 3/4
T.T. Shanghai	460
T.T. Singapore	52 3/4
T.T. Japan	102 1/4 n.
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/2
T.T. Manila	40 3/4
T.T. Batavia	46 3/4
T.T. Bangkok	148
T.T. Saigon	106
T.T. France	107
T.T. Switzerland	107
T.T. Australia	1/6 3/4
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 3/4
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 3/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	25 3/4
4 m/s France	107 1/2
30 d/s India	84 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	—

Major Baseball	
Brooklyn Dodgers	Win Again
NEW YORK, Sept. 24 (UP).—Brooklyn Dodgers maintained their lead over St. Louis Cardinals in the National Baseball League to-day, inflicting a 4-2 defeat on Boston Braves, while the Cardinals beat Pittsburgh Pirates 4-0.	Scores were:

NATIONAL LEAGUE	
St. Louis	4 12 0
Batteries—Gumbert; Mancuso.	
Pittsburgh	0 1 0
Batteries—Lamm; Sullivan.	
Boston	4 10 2
Batteries—Higbee; Casey; Owen; Franks.	
St. Louis	3 5 1
Batteries—Tobin; Berres; Mac.	
Chicago	0 2 0
Batteries—Lanfranconi; Kuhn; Volson.	
Cincinnati	2 4 0
Batteries—Walters; Lombardi.	
New York	4 10 1
Batteries—Schumacher; Odes.	
Philadelphia	1 7 0
Batteries—Johnson; Grissom; F. Melton.	
Warren	2 10 0
Batteries—Sunel; Hartnett.	
Philadelphia	0 2 1
Batteries—Lambert; Beck; Livingston.	
Warren	

AMERICAN LEAGUE	
Philadelphia	2 6 1
Batteries—Marchildon; Shirley; Wagner.	
New York	7 10 0
Batteries—Donald; Silvestri.	
Detroit	1 10 0
Batteries—Lamm; Sullivan.	
St. Louis	3 6 0
Batteries—R. Harris; Ferrell.	
Boston	7 0 1
Batteries—Wagner; Peacock.	
Washington	2 4 3
Batteries—Leonard; Anderson; Early.	
Evans	5 11 1
Batteries—Newman; Fylik.	
Washington	4 11 2
Batteries—Mulligan; Evans; Bolton.	

T.U.C. Meeting With Soviet Trade Unions

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—It was officially stated to-day that arrangements are now in hand for the first meeting between delegates of the T.U.C. and the All-Russian Central Council of Trade Unions to take place in Moscow.

The T.U.C. representatives will be Mr. Frank Wolstencroft, Chairman of the T.U.C., Sir Walter Citrine (General Secretary), Mr. P. Allen, Mr. A. Conley and Mr. H. N. Harrison.

Sympathy For Swiss Shown By Britain

But Precautions Taken

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—It is officially stated in London that "in view of the commercial agreement recently signed between Switzerland and Germany, the British Government are no longer able to continue the limited facilities hitherto accorded for passage through the blockade and across enemy territory of materials for Swiss industry."

"The Government, however, appreciate the difficulties of Switzerland's position and will continue to give facilities within reasonable limits for import into Switzerland of foodstuffs and fodder and of certain other goods exclusively destined for domestic consumption."

Official quarters declared that the move was not an act of retaliation but simply recognition of the state of affairs which exists through no fault of the Swiss or of Britain.

It is believed that the Swiss understand the position.

K. Tong's Chance In 2nd Division

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the semi-finals and the final, there will be a lapse of four weeks. The wisdom of this may be questioned, particularly as there seems to be no reason for delay. Why not get it over with?

The semi-finals of the Open Pairs will be decided on Sunday. Some good bowling should be seen. The remaining quarter-final match, S. R. Solina and K. M. Omar, of Craigengower C.C., and H. A. Alves and F. V. Ribeiro (Holders) was played yesterday.

The semi-final draw is A. M. Omar and U. M. Omar v. L. J. Silva and J. F. V. Ribeiro, and W. L. Walker and R. Duncan v. S. R. Solina and K. M. Omar.

Leading players in the competition are well spread out in the second round of the open singles. There are a few exceptions, notably A. J. Hall v. R. Ban, and R. F. da Luz v. F. X. M. da Silva.

M. N. Rakusen, holder of the title, has been drawn against N. A. E. Mackay and should get through to the third round fairly comfortably.

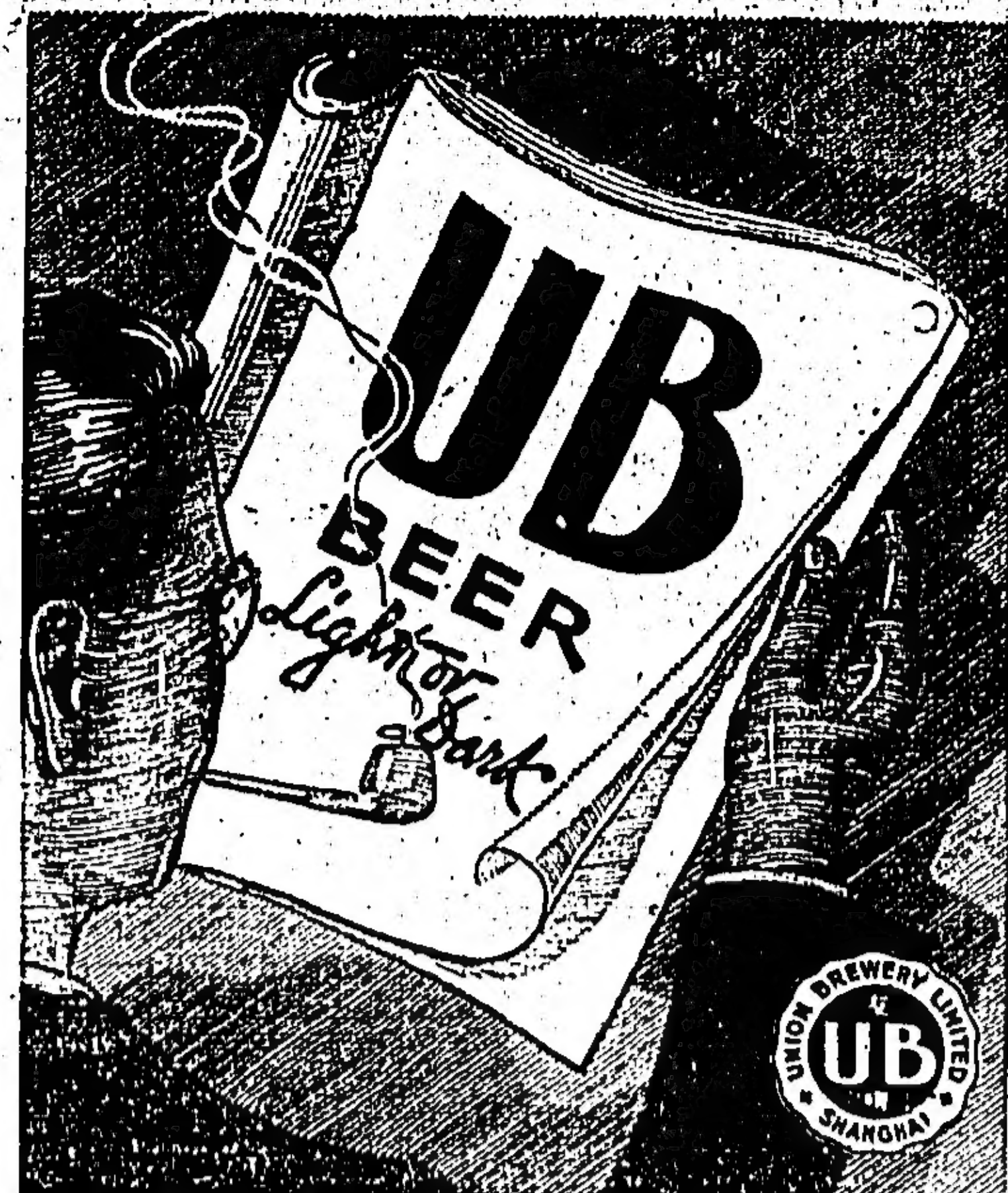
Golf

HOGAN AND DEMARET DEFEATED IN CHALLENGE MATCH

DETROIT, Sept. 24 (UP).—Par-shattering golf failed to save Ben Hogan and Jimmy Demaret from dropping \$2,000 to Byron Nelson and Craig Wood in a "world championship" 36 holes best ball golf match to-day. Nelson and Wood won 5 and 4.

Proceeds from the game were devoted to the China Relief Fund. Hogan and Demaret commenced the second day's play 5 down after the first 18 holes, but cut down that margin to 3 down on the first nine, but they were out of the running when Wood sank an approach for a birdie 2 on the 100-yard 13th, and match ended with a par four on the 14th.

LONDON, Sept. 24 (Reuter).—Sir Dadiba Merwanjee Dalal, former High Commissioner for India in London, left estate in England valued at £25,000.



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